

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

October 11, 2016

The Vernon County Board of Health met Thursday, September 08, 2016 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, David Banner, Mary Rae, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN, Sherrie Seidel and Frank Easterday.

Others present: Elizabeth A. Johnson, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer

Excused:

Absent: Brian Turben

Meeting called to order by Chair JoAnn Nickelatti at 1:00 PM.

AFFIRMATION OF PROPER PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of Meeting was properly advertised and posted.

REVIEW PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the September 08, 2016 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to accept 9/08/16 minutes as presented. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present today.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for September 2016 were presented and reviewed. Glenda Sullivan moved to allow payment of bills for September 2016. Seconded by David Banner. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

-Discussion of Public Health Preparedness and Response, SouthWest Consortium update and purchase of equipment/supplies.

- Ordered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from Ebola grant before end of grant period which was September 30, 2016.

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WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for September 2016 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- Staff working on changing the clinic schedule for 2017 to 2 full weeks each month rather than 2 days each week. This will give the participant a choice to come in any day during the week in an effort to get those who may have a day off during the week or need a late afternoon appointment.

Public Health

● Update and possible vote on Environmental Health Activities and Programs

- Mr. Moris reported a final inspection was done on the Meth house in Westby. Case closed.
- Mr. Moris continues to work with a family in Readstown around mold issues.
- Mr. Moris reported on the on property in DeSoto Area in which the owner has not followed through on the Order of Abatement. If no word in the next two weeks, a citation will be issued.
- The Order of Abatement issued for un-rimmed tires in the city of Viroqua after receiving a complaint and visiting the site has been completed. Tires removed and case closed.
- Fee exempt water test kits from the State Lab of Hygiene, Madison, WI have been distributed to those who wish to test their water after the recent flood. The timing issue continues to be a big factor as the sample has to be in Madison within 30 hours and several have not met that criteria.
- Zika Virus – Continuing to receive information from CDC and the WI State Division of Public Health and to date, there have been no cases of Zika reported in WI.
- Flood 2016 – Health Department staff were in the Emergency Operations Center during and after the flood assisting residents with issues related to the flood. Fee exempt water sample kits were made available to anyone who felt their well water may have been compromised. Clean-up kits were available from the Red Cross to those who needed assistance with clean-up from the mud and water. A building inspector was made available to inspect some of the homes to determine the extent of damage and Troy Moris, RS was available to inspect some the homes for mold etc. Press releases were sent to the media concerning tips on what to do in a flood and Public Health Nurses provided Tetanus shots to those who requested an update.

- **TNC Program – Water Lab.** The time frame in which the water samples need to be at the State Lab of Hygiene, Madison for testing continues to be an issue. In 2015, the Board of Health discussed having the Health Department start a water lab and at that time it was put on hold pending further investigation. Discussion by BOH after reviewing the issues again. Startup costs would be \$1800-\$2500 with yearly fees for quality assurance. This would speed up the collections and save time for staff. David Banner moved to have the Health Department begin the process of starting a water lab. Seconded by Sherrie Seidel. Motion carried.
- **Budget Report September 2016.** Budget report for September 2016 was presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried. Budget hearing for 2017 was held on September 12, 2016. Did not encounter any issues at that time.
- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for September 2016. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.
- **Limited Agent – Agent Status.** Work continues on the Ordinance.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT MEETING DATE AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING A VOTE

- Next Meeting

- The November 2016 meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2016 @ 1:00 PM
- The December 2016 meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

Frank Easterday moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by David Banner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Seidel, Secretary