

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

March 09, 2017

The Vernon County Board of Health met Thursday, March 09, 2017 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Mary Rae, Frank Easterday, and Brian Turben.

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

Excused: David Banner, Sherrie Seidel, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN

Absent:

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 February 09, 2017 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. Glenda Sullivan moved to accept 2/09/17 minutes as presented. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present today.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for February 2017 were presented and reviewed. Mary Rae moved to allow payment of bills for February 2017. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

- Received monies from Ebola funds for Public Health Nurses to attend an educational workshop. Did not receive funding for supplies as requested.

**WIC Program Update
- Equipment/Supplies**

- The WIC participant count for February 2017 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- The participant count was at 100% of caseload in February.

Public Health

● **Update and possible vote on Environmental Health Activities and Programs**

- Issues with Lead paint in a home in LaFarge. Lead found in living room as they sanded the ceiling. Family chose to varnish the ceiling. Will continue to monitor the situation.
- Inspected a home in Viroqua that may have had a sewer gas problem. Referred it to the landlord.
- Issued an Order of Abatement on a property in Viroqua where there are many issues due to water pipes that had leaked previously but since repaired. Current tenants are being evicted so property owner will complete the work when the house is vacant.
- Property in De Soto is not totally cleaned up yet. Mr. Moris continues to work with the property owner. The Citation has been dropped but the orders are still open.

- **TNC Program – Water Lab.** The equipment for the water lab was picked up from UW Oshkosh and the process of setting it up has begun. Building and Facilities Committee has approved the use of a room across from the Coroner's Office and work is in progress to get it ready. The incubator and refrigerator have to have a month's worth of temperatures on record before DATCP can give their approval. Charges for water testing were discussed with no decision made at this time.

- Private Well Water Testing Program with La Crosse Co. Vernon County Health Department is working with La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Jackson and Buffalo Counties to provide education and testing kits for those with private wells to encourage owners to test for bacteria and metals including arsenic. This grant is good for 5 years. Materials given to BOH members on testing of well water, metals and reverse osmosis systems. The Health Department will be working to get the educational materials and test kits out to the general public in Vernon County.

- **Budget Report February 2017.** Budget report for February 2017 was presented and reviewed. Frank Easterday moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried.
- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for February 2017. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.

- **Limited Agent – Agent Status.** It appears that Vernon County will not be able to become a Full Agent until 2018 so will continue to work on getting the program together so that it will be ready to go by July 1, 2018. The Health Department will be able to continue to be Limited Agents until June 2017. Crawford County still needs to take the Ordinance to the County Board of Supervisors in April for approval.

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

- Next Meeting

- The April 2017 meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2017 @ 1:00 PM
- The May 2017 meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

Frank Easterday moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Sullivan, Acting Secretary