

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

July 11, 2017

The Vernon County Board of Health met Tuesday, July 11, 2017 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Mary Rae, Frank Easterday, Sherrie Seidel and Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN.

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

Excused: David Banner: & Brian Turben

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.

CORONER'S REPORT – Janet Reed

Janet Reed, Coroner presented a report concerning the activities and number of cases her office dealt with in June 2017. The bills for June 2017 were presented. Frank Easterday moved to accept report and allow payment of bills for June 2017. Seconded by Mary Rae. Motion carried.

REVIEW PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the June 08, 2017 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. Glenda Sullivan moved to accept 6/08/17 minutes as presented. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present today.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for June 2017 were presented and reviewed. Sherrie Seidel moved to allow payment of bills for June 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.

- Working on finishing the requirements for the 2016-17 Objectives.

- Funding is proposed to be at the 2016-17 level for the next year. Have not received any documentation to that effect.

**WIC Program Update
- Equipment/Supplies**

- The WIC participant count June 2017 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- Received notice of funding for 2017 and it is another \$5000 less with an increase of 3 participants to 500. Discussion on staffing situation due to the coming retirement of Nancy Walters, RN, BSN and the decrease in funding.
- The participant count was at down in June.

Public Health

- **Update and possible vote on:
Environmental Health Activities and Programs**
 - The property in Viroqua where there are many issues due to water pipes that had leaked previously and became an issue again, is currently being renovated by the owner. She has provided Mr. Moris, RS with updated pictures and will be completing the items listed in the Order of Abatement sometime in the next 2 months or so.
 - The Order of Abatement that was issued on a property with a tire problem in the Viola area has been completed so case is closed..
 - Mr. Moris received a complaint about rodents in a rental property. He has been in contact with the manager who has agreed to take care of it. An Order of Abatement was issued and Mr. Moris will make a follow-up visit in the next week.
 - Gundersen Health System, La Crosse has been awarded a \$5000 grant centered around Radon and they invited Troy Moris, RS and Beth Johnson, Director/Health Officer to be a part of the planning and implementation. The grant will focus on the Hillsboro area of Vernon County, Decorah, IA, and Fayette County IA. This is where the Gundersen Health System has clinics and they are looking to test to see if there might be high incidences of Radon.
- **TNC Program – Water Lab.** The Water Lab is set up with the incubator and refrigerator in place. Finally received the missing parts for the incubator. Temps are being recorded twice daily. Proficiency testing will be done by staff and reviewed by an independent lab after which an inspection by DATCP will take place. Testing can begin.
- **Budget Report June 2017.** Budget report for June 2017 was presented and reviewed. Mary Rae moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried.
- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for June 2017. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.
- **Limited Agent – Agent Status.** Work continues on the plan that is now required by ATCP 74 for full Agent Status. The Limited Agent inspections were completed by 6/30/17.

- **Car Seat Program.** Gundersen Health System notified the Health Department that it was contributing \$2000 toward the purchase of car seats for the Car Passenger Safety Seat Program for 2017. Car seat safety check events continue the first Thursday of each month.
- **TB Dispensary.** This is a program from the State of WI that will pay for services to those individuals that are positive for TB or who have a Latent TB Infection (LTBI). If the individual is eligible and does not have private health insurance that will cover expenses, it will pay for TB skin testing, chest x-rays, medications as well as direct observed therapy (DOT). The reimbursements are at Medicaid rates and the Health Department needs to have an MOU, verbal or written, with medical providers. The Health Department has agreements with Gundersen Health System, Vernon Memorial Healthcare and Scenic Bluffs FQHC. The providers will bill insurance first and then if no insurance coverage, the TB Dispensary will kick in. Medications will continue to come from the State TB Program and they will bill as described above as well. Glenda Sullivan moved to allow the Health Department to contract with the State TB Program to become a TB Dispensary. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson. Motion carried.

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

- Next Meeting

- The August 2017 meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2017 @ 1:00 PM
- The September 2017 meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

Frank Easterday moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Seidel, Secretary