

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

October 10, 2017

The Vernon County Board of Health met Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Frank Easterday, Sherrie Seidel, Mary Rae and David Banner.

Others present: Elizabeth A. Johnson, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer & Dave Geske, Vector Control Manager, La Crosse County Health Department

Excused: Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN

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.

CORONER'S REPORT – Janet Reed

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

REVIEW PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the September 13, 2017 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to accept 9/13/17 minutes as presented with correction. Seconded by Mary Rae. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present today.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for September 2017 were presented and reviewed. Sherrie Seidel moved to allow payment of bills for September 2017. Seconded by David Banner. Motion carried.

DAVE GESKE, VECTOR CONTROL OFFICER, LACROSSE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Geske reported that the Vector Control Program for the 2017 year is still going on and when done, a report will be presented. He spoke about the possibility of this very successful program, that has been ongoing since the 1980's, being discontinued in 2018. He is not sure what will happen but is very concerned about the possibility of the diseases that his program has been monitoring will increase again. There are also new diseases to be worried about such as Zika, The Board of Health expressed concern about the discontinuance and asked what they could do to have La Crosse County reconsider. Discussion followed and would like to invite Mr. Geske to the next Vernon County Board of Supervisors meeting. The BOH thanked Mr. Geske for the years of hard work he has put in to make our community a safer place, as far as reducing and controlling the mosquito habitat, in order to eliminate La Crosse Encephalitis and other diseases.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

- Work is beginning on 2017-18 capabilities which are Community Recovery and Community Preparedness.

WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for September 2017 was distributed to the Board of Health.

Public Health

● **Update and possible vote on:**

Environmental Health Activities and Programs

- Property in Viroqua where there was a complaint about rodents in a rental unit. Mr. Moris is continuing to follow-up as there is an issue with the tenant, in which the landlord is working to resolve.
- **TNC Program – Water Lab.** Proficiency testing by staff is done and the review by the independent lab is complete.
- **Budget Report September 2017.** Budget report for September 2017 was presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Sherrie Seidel. Motion carried.

- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for September 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 draft plan is almost ready to submit to DATCP for review.

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

- Flu clinics begin October 11, 2017 at local businesses. School clinics are scheduled to begin October 20 through November 8, 2017.

- Next Meeting

- The November 2017 meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2017 @ 1:00 PM
- The December 2017 meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Seidel, Secretary