

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

February 14, 2019

The Vernon County Board of Health met Thursday, February 14, 2019 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Kelli Mitchell, Frank Easterday, Mary Rae, Sherrie Seidel & Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN.

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

Excused: David Banner

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 – Betty Nigh

Coroner's report was presented listing the number of cases the office dealt with in January 2019 and the bills for the month. Frank Easterday moved to accept Coroner's report and allow payment of bills for January 2019. Seconded by Kelli Mitchell. Motion carried.

REVIEW PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Glenda Sullivan moved to accept 1/10/19 minutes as presented. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Kelli Mitchell moved to allow payment of bills for January 2018. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

- Staff have received scholarships to attend the Governor's Conference on Emergency Management in March as well as the WALHDAB Conference in May.

WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for January 2019 was distributed to the Board of Health.

Public Health

● Update and possible vote on:

Environmental Health Activities and Programs

- House in Victory has been demolished and all materials disposed of. Discussion on the final bills submitted by the Vernon County Landfill and Vernon County Highway Department, A&W Septic and Wheatland Fire Department.
- One house in Victory that had orders against it has not been taken care of so Troy Moris, RS issued a Citation that was delivered by the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office. A court date is set for 4/2/19.
- The other house is ready to have the deed signed and the attorney for the family is hoping to have it completed by April, 2019.
- Individual that was issued a citation to clean up his property has wound through the system - a couple of court appearances and now is set for trial 4/5/19.
- An Order of Abatement was issued to a renter who has a large amount of debris that constitutes a human health hazard.

●Water Laboratory.

- 18 samples tested in January. 10 related to flood and 8 were private samples. This brings the total flood tests to 143 since August. Still have issues in some areas that are testing positive for coliform bacteria and E. Coli.

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- Approximately 1000 notices were recently mailed out through the Zoning Department encouraging private well owners to test their water for bacteria. Response to date has not been good.

- **Budget Report January 2019.** Frank Easterday moved to approve the January 2019 budget report as presented. Seconded by Kelli Mitchell. Motion carried.

- **Agent Program.**

Miss Johnson reported that work continues to progress on the Agent Program:

- ▶ Sanitarian has been busy with routine inspections and licensing new facilities. A total of 15 inspections were completed in January – 1 retail food facility, 11 restaurants, 2 routine lodging and 1 new tourist rooming house.
- ▶ There are 70 facilities left to inspect before June 30, 2019 as the new license year begins July 1, 2019.

- **Approval of Agency Policies.** Sherrie Seidel moved to approve the Immunization, Communicable Disease and Environmental Health Policies. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried.

- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for January 2019. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.

- **County Health Rankings.** Distributed a snapshot of the 2018 County Health Rankings for Vernon County. According to the current rankings, Vernon County is 16th in Health Outcomes and 54th in Health Factors. Health Outcomes represent how healthy a county is. Health Factors represent what influences the health of the county such as Health behaviors, Clinical Care, Social & Economic Factors, and Physical Environment. It is sometimes difficult to compare years as different data has been used and new areas have been added new areas. A comparison was presented between Vernon, Crawford, Monroe and La Crosse Counties. BOH encouraged to look at the website: www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/wisconsin/2018 and review it for more detail. detail. The report is a joint effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. The report is done for most counties in all 50 states. It is a starting point for communities to work on certain factors affecting the population to see if they can improve the health of their communities.
- **COMPASS.** Final Community Needs Assessment reports were printed and distributed late 2018. The total report was a compilation of data for all counties involved – La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Vernon and Houston, MN. A secondary report for each individual county was also printed. Participation included hospitals in each of the counties listed and the Health Departments as well as other community partners. Great Rivers United Way was responsible for leading the effort and many other

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individual participated in committees. The report can be reviewed at <http://www.compassnow.org>.

- **Chapter 140 Review** is scheduled for April 30, 2019. Documentation is needed to meet Level I and documentation on 7 agency programs is needed to meet Level II. This review is required by State Statute every 5 years with the last one conducted in June 2014.

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

- Next Meeting

- The March 2019 meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019 @ 1:00 PM
- The April 2019 meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2019 @ 1:00 PM.

ADJOURN

Frank Easterday moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sherrie Seidel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Seidel, Secretary