

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

July 11, 2019

The Vernon County Board of Health met Thursday, July 11, 2019 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Frank Easterday, Mary Rae, David Banner, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN & Sherrie Seidel.

Others present: Elizabeth A. Johnson, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer, Betty Nigh, Coroner Troy Moris, RS, Environmental Health Consultant

Excused: Kelli Mitchell

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 June 2019 and the bills for the month. Frank Easterday moved to accept Coroner's report and allow payment of bills for June 2019. Seconded by David Banner. Motion carried.

REVIEW PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Rhonda Peterson moved to accept 5/08/19 minutes as presented. Seconded by Mary Rae. Motion carried. The BOH meeting for June 13, 2019 was not held due to lack of quorum.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

David Banner moved to allow payment of bills for June 2019. Seconded by Mary Rae. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

The Consortium met on 6/11/19. Working on new budget and workplan for 2019-20. Attended an Evacuation Exercise held at Vernon Manor 6/18/19.

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WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies/Personnel

- The WIC participant count for May & June 2019 was distributed to the Board of Health.

Public Health

● Update and possible vote on:

- Environmental Health Activities and Programs – Troy Moris, RS

- A house in Victory that was issued an Order of Abatement in 2017 is in the process of being resolved. The property is for sale and an Order of Abatement will be issued to the new owner for clean-up.
 - An Order of Abatement was issued to a renter who has a large amount of debris that constitutes a human health hazard. Case closed.
 - Property in Westby has been cleaned up. Case closed.
 - Garage in Coon Valley that was damaged by the flood in 2018. Owner was issued an Order of Abatement.
- **Water Lab.** A representative from DATCP visited the Water Lab June 13, 2019 for recertification. Several minor deficiencies have been addressed and sent to DATCP for review. Staff are continuing to test water samples for coliform bacteria – 34 samples tested in May and June 2019. Working with Land and Water Conservation Department as they are planning on testing rural properties and using UW Stevens Point for testing bacteria and nitrates.

- **Budget Reports May & June 2019.** Sherrie Seidel moved to approve the May & June 2019 budget reports as presented. Seconded by David Banner. Motion carried.

- **Chapter 140 Review.** The Health Department received a letter on 6/14/19 from Jeanne F. Ayers, State Health Officer, and Administrator of Department of Health Services indicating Vernon County Health Department demonstrated the infrastructure and program capacity to be certified as a Level II Health Department. Formulas used by DHS to distribute grant funds provide for additional funds to Level II Health Departments. This means that the Health Department provides all services required by statute and rule. Ms. Ayers further acknowledged the work of the staff and the support of the Board of Health for maintaining a strong Public Health Department. They met the criteria for a Level II Agency for the next 5 years. The Certificate will be presented to the Health Department soon.

- **Agent Program – purchase and approval of equipment/supplies/fees**

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

- ▶ License renewals were sent out around May 1, 2019 to all facilities licensed 2018-19 for the new license year of 2019-2020.
- ▶ Sanitarian has been busy with routine inspections and licensing new facilities. A total of 30 inspections were completed in June – 5 retail food, 6 restaurants, 2 rec-ed camps, 8 swimming pools, 4 lodging facilities and one campground.
- ▶ DATCP will be coming to do an Evaluation Site Visit July 23, 2019.

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

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

- Next Meeting

- The August 2019 meeting is scheduled for August 08, 2019 @ 1:00 PM
- The September 2019 meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

Mary Rae moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Seidel, Secretary