

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department in the Polk County Government Center at 10:00AM on November 14, 2006.

Present: Dr. Arne Lagus Neil Johnson William Hughes
Diane Stoneking Rick Scoglio Wanda Johnson

Absent: Tom Nilssen

Also: Gretchen Sampson Carolyn Griffin Leslie Larsen
Bonnie Leonard

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order.

No Public Comment

Approve Agenda

Sampson stated the agenda should reflect to approve the minutes of the October meeting, not September meeting.

Motion by W. Johnson, second by Stoneking to approve the agenda as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Bills Review

Sampson presented the list of bills and reviewed.

Motion by N. Johnson, second by Stoneking to approve the bills which totaled \$109,685.86. All in favor. Motion carried.

Statistical Reports

Sampson reviewed the budget overview report and the statistical reports for the Public Health programs and the Home Health Unit.

Motion by Stoneking, second by Dr. Lagus to approve the statistical reports for the department. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Animal Control Ordinance – Resolution

Sampson presented the final draft of the animal control ordinance and the resolution for presentation at the December 12, 2006 County Board meeting. Brief discussion about the final changes on the ordinance. Dr. Lagus commented there have been 42 dog bite investigations reported by the Health Department.

Report from BOH Training

Diane Stoneking and Wanda Johnson talked about the excellent Board of Health training they received in Eau Claire on October 18, 2006. They addressed several topics of the training which included expectations of Board of Health members and Health Officers; State Health Plan Update; community health advocacy; requirements of a Level 3 Health Department, among other topics.

Update on PolkaDot Grant Implementation

Sampson addressed the current activities with the Polk County Alcohol and Drug Outreach and Training Grant. Dr. Richard Brown of the UW Medical School has conducted training for medical professionals of the St. Croix Regional Medical Center and subsequent trainings are planned for other medical facilities in

the county. This grant focuses on training medical professionals on brief clinical intervention and health screenings. Dr. Lagus commented this training went very well.

The UW Medical School has received a Federal grant award of \$12.6M over a five year period to focus on treatment services for drug and alcohol abuse. There are 17 clinical sites in Wisconsin including Polk County. This grant will fund counselors in the County's medical clinics in addition to the tribal community. Funding will also be available for alcohol and drug treatment for indigent patients in the county.

Update on Flu Vaccine

Bonnie Leonard, Public Health Supervisor, reported that all providers in the county have received partial or full orders of flu vaccine. The Health Department has received all of its vaccine and has several clinics scheduled. Leonard stated that distribution of flu vaccine over the last few years has been a severe problem and that private companies such as Cub have received vaccine before local health departments and other medical providers and consequently taken away flu clinic business. Sampson encouraged the Board to comment on the situation to policy makers.

Update from Legislative Breakfast

Sampson talked about topics from the October Legislative Breakfast. Kim Miner, Epidemiologist from the Preparedness group, gave a presentation on pandemic flu. There will be \$4.25 Million dollars to improve dental access for kids and families in funds from the State. The Rural Health Dental Clinic will be getting funding to provide some dental services for qualifying children in 2007 at the Health Department

New Business

Update Polk's MOU with Preparedness Consortium

Sampson distributed a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Preparedness Consortium that has been updated to include Burnett and Clark Counties and the Tribe. Chairman Hughes signed.

Director's Report

Sampson passed around information from the APHA Annual Conference she attended in Boston and highlighted some interesting sessions she attended.

The consolidated contract objectives are not yet completed and will be reviewed at the December Board of Health meeting.

The Health Dept is currently recruiting a Clinical Specialist for the PolkaDot Grant as well as a County Liaison Specialist position in the Preparedness Group.

Congratulations to Dr. Arne Lagus who was awarded the 2006 Health Care Advocate award at the St. Croix Valley Regional Medical Center Annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Stoneking, second by N. Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion adjourned at 11:50 AM.

The next Board of Health meeting will be December 12, 2006 at 10:00 AM.