

## 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 10:10AM on October 9, 2007.

Present: Tom Nilssen Rick Scoglio Diane Stoneking  
Wanda Johnson Dr. Arne Lagus

Also: Gretchen Sampson Carolyn Griffin Leslie Larsen  
Bonnie Leonard

Absent: William Hughes Neil Johnson

Vice-Chair Stoneking called the meeting to order.

**Motion by Nilssen/W. Johnson to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Scoglio/Nilssen to approve the minutes from the September Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### Monthly Bills Review

Sampson reviewed the list of bills.

**Motion by W. Johnson/Scoglio to approve the bills in the amount of \$107,111.28. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### Statistical Reports

Sampson handed out and reviewed the budget overview report for September and the statistical reports for August.

**Motion by Scoglio/Nilssen to approve the statistical reports. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Out of County Meetings**

Sampson reviewed the out of county meetings and trainings for October and part of November.

**Motion by Dr. Lagus/W. Johnson to approve the out of county travel. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Old Business**

### **Update on Department Budget/Staffing Plan**

Sampson distributed a revised overview of 2008 levy budgets for the department which includes a .5 FTE Environmental Health Technician position approved by the joint Finance/Personnel Committees which will be funded by grant and other revenue sources. There will be no increase in county allocation for the Environmental Program in 2008.

### **Resolution on Payment to Veterinarians for dog quarantine services**

Sampson handed out a resolution approved by the Public Protection Committee authorizing the use of the county dog fund monies to reimburse veterinarians requested by the county for quarantine and rabies laboratory testing expenses when an owner of a stray animal cannot be identified to secure payment. Authorization of payment to veterinarians will be made through the Public Protection Committee.

Bonnie Leonard, Public Health Supervisor, reviewed the August and September animal bite statistics for the County.

**Motion by Dr. Lagus/Nilssen to support the resolution on payment to Veterinarians for dog quarantine services. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **New Business**

### **Update on Annual Flu Program**

Sampson reported that a good share of the flu vaccine ordered for the department has arrived and distributed the flu schedule for community and office clinics. Pneumonia vaccine is also available. Dr. Lagus stated the recommendation for pneumonia vaccine is two shots per lifetime.

### **2006 WIMCR Settlement**

Sampson handed out the report for the Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting adjustment the Health Department will receive for services provided in 2006 for Home Care, Birth to Three and Prenatal Care Coordination.

**Resolution to support state funding of communicable disease mandates**

Sampson handed out a resolution that would urge the State of Wisconsin to provide ongoing funding to local health departments to carry out the duties and responsibilities for communicable disease prevention and control mandated under Chapter 252 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Sampson explained that the Health Department spent an estimated \$40,000 in FY2006 for communicable disease prevention and control, none of which was reimbursed by the state.

**Motion by W. Johnson/Dr. Lagus to support the resolution for state funding of disease mandates for local health departments. All in favor. Motion carried.**

This resolution will be forward to the Governor's office, State Senators and Representatives, Secretary Kevin Hayden, State Health Office, Wisconsin Counties Association and the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

**Resolution to proclaim November Home Care Month in Polk County**

Sampson handed out a resolution proclaiming November 2007 as National Home Care Month. Leslie Larsen, Home Care Supervisor added that the Polk County Home Care agency is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is planning an anniversary tea on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent.

**Motion by Dr. Lagus/W. Johnson to support this resolution to proclaim November 2007 as National Home Care Month in Polk County. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Director's Report**

Tom Coen, BioTerrorism Training Coordinator, has resigned to accept a position with the Minnesota Air National Guard as a Public Health Technician. Sampson stated she will not fill this staff vacancy because of uncertain future funding and will be discussing this issue at the next Consortia Board meeting.

Sampson handed out the agenda for the Legislative Event on October 15, 2007 in New Richmond. She also handed out information from the Wisconsin Administrative Register No. 621 stating the proposed revision to State Statute regarding additional immunization requirements for children in day care centers.

Proposed immunizations include pneumococcal vaccine, Tdap (tetnus/diphtheria), a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of varicella vaccine.

Sampson presented school agreements for signature.

### **Board Member Comments**

Supervisor Stoneking addressed the possible sale of the Golden Age Nursing Home and questioned what affect that would have on our Home Care Program. Stoneking thought the Board of Health should show support for a nursing home facility in the County. Dr. Lagus suggested Sampson draft a resolution to support a nursing home facility in Polk County. Sampson will prepare a draft resolution on this issue for the November meeting.

**Motion by Scoglio/Nilssen to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.**

**The next Board of Health meeting will be November 20, 2007 at 10:00AM.  
The Finance will meet to approve bills on November 13,, 2007 at 4:30PM.**