

Motion by Dueholm/W. Johnson to approve the statistical reports for the department. All in favor. Motion carried.

Out of County Meetings

Sampson handed out and reviewed the list of out of county meetings and trainings taking place in June and July.

Motion by Scoglio/Edgell to approve the out of county travel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Update on Milltown Tire Case

Brian Hobbs, Environmental Specialist, gave an update on this situation. The tire site has been treated with a chemical to kill mosquito larvae by a team of people from the office of David Geske, LaCrosse County Vector Control officer. This site will need to be treated two additional times over the course of the summer. Hobbs will be in communication with the village Board regarding the invoices from LaCrosse County for the abatement services.

Hobbs also gave an update on the Frederic swimming pool. Presently the pool is closed due to numerous structural problems and does not meet Wisconsin State code for public pools.

Old Business

Report on BOH Training in Eau Claire

Wanda Johnson and Supervisor Dueholm attended the BOH training. Johnson stated she was very impressed with the information and presentations overall which included BOH member responsibilities and information on Level 3 Health Departments (Polk County is a Level 3). There was also a presentation by a nationally recognized expert regarding climate change and the effect on people's health.

Report on Personnel committee/telemonitoring presentation

Sampson attended a recent Personnel Committee meeting to present information on the telemonitoring units and how county employees could use this equipment to monitor vital health information as part of an overall wellness program.

Leslie Larsen will demonstrate this equipment on June 24, 2008 to the Wellness Committee.

New Business

2008 State Grand Funding Adjustments

Sampson handed out information on a mid-year funding increase for grants. The WIC Program will receive an additional \$10,866 this year to accommodate increased caseload. The Wisconsin Well Woman Program will receive an additional \$1231.00 contract allocation and the Tobacco Control Grant will receive an additional \$5621.00 in 2008 for additional projects to be completed.

Review of Executive Committee Budget Recommendations

Supervisor Neil Johnson stated this will be a difficult budget year with a 2% levy increase. Labor contracts and health insurance will be important factors. Johnson stated that some services may need to be cut from the county budget. Sampson handed out the 2009 budget and staffing schedule for reference.

Dr. Lagus stated that with the closing of nursing homes in the county and surrounding areas there will be an increased demand on the county Home Care Program.

Leslie Larsen, Home Care Supervisor, addressed long term care redesign and what it means in our health care system. Wanda Johnson posed the question of what the Board of Health can do to have a positive impact regarding health care in the community.

Dr. Lagus stated the Health Department's Home Care program needs to be maintained; the public needs education and awareness on health care issues. Other ideas were to encourage healthcare workforce development and encourage younger people to look at purchasing long term care insurance.

Report from anti-viral meeting

Sampson handed out an executive summary for the antiviral distribution plan. A regional meeting was held in Rice Lake with eighteen counties including MN border counties as well as personnel from medical facilities, nursing homes and other partners to review the antiviral distribution policy. In the event of a pandemic flu outbreak, patients with flu symptoms will be treated with antiviral medications rather than used as prophylaxis. Treatment would be done at the medical centers.

2009 Staffing Plan

Sampson handed out the 2009 staffing plan which will be reviewed in detail at the July meeting. Sampson added she is going to do some analysis of therapy services that are currently contracted versus having a therapist on staff in the Home Care Program.

Director's Report

Kathy West, Home Care Nurse is retiring in June. There will be a retirement tea on June 30th. Larsen added Kathy has been an excellent Home Care Nurse and will be missed.

Motion by Dr. Lagus/W. Johnson to accept the resignation of Kathy West and commend her on her years of service with Polk County Home Care. All in favor. Motion carried.

Three candidates were interviewed for the two Regular Part-time Home Care Nurse positions. Hopefully these two positions will be filled in June.

The Health Department has applied to participate in a Fall Prevention Project and hopefully will be selected to receive some funding in select categories for developing fall prevention programs for older adults in the community.

The Birth to Three Program is having a state review. Sampson will report the results at the next meeting.

Motion by Edgell/Dr. Lagus to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The next Board of Health meeting will be July 8, 2008 at 10:00AM.