

# WAUSHARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

## Meeting December 6, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wedde at 9:00 A.M. Members present: Dennis Wedde, Beth Osicka, Dr Ittiara, Donna Kalata, Donna Goldsmith and Health Officer Patti Wohlfeil.

Members Absent: Everett Eckstein (excused)

Also Present: Dorothy Ratajczak, 2 Student Nurses and Peggy Murphy, Clinical Instructor for Nursing Students.

Motion made by Kalata second by Osicka to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Goldsmith, second by Kalata to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting.

### REPORTS:

**Board Chair:** No Report.

### Environmental Health Report :

- **Environmental Update:** Mary R. (Green Lake) is progressing nicely with her training and duties. Jayme S. (Marquette) is preparing for RS exam later in 2012. Nathan, Kathy and Patti W. are meeting this Thursday to discuss strategy. I (Patti W.) called Waupaca and Outagamie County for backup during transition.

### Health Officer Report:

- **Communicable Disease Report:** Patti W. explained the CD report to the Committee and copies are available at the Health Department.
- **Birth Report:** In October, 5 Females and 2 Males were born and in November, 7 Females and 9 Males were born.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** The 14 capability surveys have all been inputted. Patti W. spoke as a part of the November Media Site live to the state locals on the capabilities as a member of the subcommittee. We will work on the corrective action to the power outage as we used that as our exercise for this year, so far. December 8<sup>th</sup> the State is giving us the final information on the Hazard Risk Assessment which will be a major project involving many partners.
- **Emerging Diseases:** We continue to give flu vaccine sporadically. There have been only a few cases noted by sentinel physicians in Wisconsin so far.

We have applied for the Infrastructure Mini Grant, was due Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Should receive notice by the end of the year as it is funded January 1.

The Community Teams Project met with the FQHC in Grand Chute that has an integrated mental health program, such as we are looking at.

In Marsha's absence Patti Miller completed a Great American Smoke-out Project with students at the Tri-County schools and wrote articles that met our goals for the WIWINS program.

- **Old Business:** None.

? **New Business:**

**A. Discussion:** The tentative dates for the 2012 monthly BOH meetings was decided: from January thru December. (A list is available at the Public Health Office)

**B. Information:** A summary of private wells that were tested throughout the state between 2007-2010 was compiled and distributed to Public Health Departments. Patti W. explained and discussed the summary. A copy is available at the Public Health Department.

**C. WALDHAB:** The Survey of Regional Offices from (WALHDAB) was explained and ways to improve support between the state and local public health departments.

**D. Strategic Plan Update: CHIP Status/QI Projects-Dental communication & CHIP-** Patti W. explained the results from the survey that was taken during the 2011 Waushara County Fair, showed different graphs from the various questions that was asked and discussed ways to improve the status of the Health Department in the community.

Bridget Daly (AmeriCorps) along, with Jennifer Caravella, (UW Extension) has been working on CHIP- getting ready for print.

**E. Approval: Replacement of Full Time Public Health Nurse:**

Marsha Chikowski, PHN, will be retiring in mid-January, 2012. A motion was made by Kalata and second by Osicka to approve a replacement for her position. Motion carried.

**F. Approval: Replacement of Environmental Health Position:** Chris Hinz, Environmental Health Sanitarian, has submitted his resignation effective January, 2012. A motion was made by Osicka and second by Kalata to approve a replacement for his position. Motion carried.

**G. Report: UW Oshkosh Students, 2011 Fall Projects-** The UW Oshkosh Students reported on their fall aggregate project (dental sealants) using the smart board and other visuals to show how they designed a brochure for Dental Sealants and surveyed the classes and staff involved to see how the sealants are helping to improve tooth care and good dental hygiene. The students also set up a booth at Parent-Teacher Conference in Plainfield and interacted with both parents and students. The BOH thanked them for their creativity and involvement with the school systems and Public Health Department.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Friday, January 13, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 230 W. Park Street.

Motion made by Osicka, second by Kalata to adjourn at 10:47 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dorothy Ratajczak