

WAUSHARA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting June 1, 2010

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

Members Absent: Dr Ittiara

Members Excused: Everett Eckstein,

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

Motion made by Beth Osicka, second by Donna Goldsmith to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Reports:

Board Chair: Dennis reported on the Conference he attended in Madison. He felt the speakers were not as good as they usually are.

Health Officer: A Communicable Disease Report was shared with the board. (Copies available at the Health Department)

Environmental: Jason Aho has started and will be spending approximately one month here for orientation. He has also been spending time in Green Lake; their new offices will be ready in June. After discussions and some correspondence it seems the Food and Recreational Licensing Program has more support from the Green Lake Corporation Counsel. Chris is continuing to work with Greg from UWO in regard to a contracting agreement for Renee.

Bioterrorism: Patti reported she will meet in Appleton to review Technical Assistance Tool. This reviews Mass Clinic Plans, After Action Reports, Strategic National Stockpile plans, Security Plans and partners. Attended a Special Needs Group Training put on by the Federal Government. An advisory group will assist in writing the plan and staff has begun their training plans.

Emerging Diseases: Waushara Co. has one new infectious TB client. We still have H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine in the refrigerator; however, no one is asking for it. The Emergency Authorization Order for H1N1 will be lifted this month. This vaccine will be added to the fall vaccine.

Cole (summer help) started work on May 17th. Barb will retire after 30 years of employment with Waushara County. The AHEC (Area Health Education Center) student (Nicole) will arrive later this week. The new Experience Works person, Diane, has been sent to Veterans Services for the month of May and in June she will assist the Treasurer's Office.

The Health Department assisted at the County Safety Day training this year. We provided "Summer Safety" tips. We also provided an example of social media through the use of a video using staff to grab attention and teach safety tips.

Dennis and Patti attended the WIQI meeting in May. Accreditation is a hot topic in Wisconsin and this department needs to move along with the process. All staff attended Communicable Disease Seminars this spring. A new format was tried of long distance video and on site presentation. A Power Outage Tabletop exercise was attended by staff and County Board members at Waupaca County.

The WPHA/WALHDAB annual conference was May 25-27th. Dennis, Judy, and Patti attended. Patti presented their MARPHLI project from last year. Patti attended pre-conference sessions on strategic planning and quality improvement, both of which we need for accreditation. The theme this year was policy and diversity. Other breakouts included the built environment, preparing for our role in the smoke free law and the sad state of Milwaukee's population statistics.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sue Lederer, Health Assistant, gave a presentation on some of her duties as an employee of the Waushara County Health Department. Sue works with Environment Health and Sanitation programs. She reported she does lodging inspections in Green Lake and Waushara County; this consists of approximately 200 facilities. These inspections occur in May and June before they open. During July and into August she helps with campground and recreational-education camp inspections. This consists of 60 campgrounds and 20 rec-ed camps. She also does the simpler Ag inspections, small grocery stores and gas stations. In November and December she does kennel inspections for Waushara County; currently there are 20 kennels in Waushara County. Sue also explained the use of the new computer system, Health Space, used for tracking the DPH facilities. It is used for billing, receipting, reporting and tracking the sanitation program. Sue also assists in other areas of the Health Department as needed. She regularly works with Sphere, WEDSS, and WIR, monitoring and updating information.
2. Patti reported the School Contracts went out to the Wautoma, Wild Rose, and Plainfield School Districts. The contracts included the cost of living increases. This year Cheryl will do a study concerning what is being done and time needed to complete her work in the Wild Rose and Plainfield School Districts. Last year Ellen worked at Registration in the Wautoma Schools. This year registration will be done in four days; Ellen will not be working at registration because the district will not pay for her services on those days.
3. Barb Gehrke will be retiring in July after 30 years of loyal service to the Health Department. Patti requested permission to rehire a Public Health Secretary. Motion by Beth Osicka, seconded by Donna Kalata to approve request to rehire the position. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be July 6th, 9:00 A.M. in the 1st floor conference room, 230 W. Park Street. Motion made by Beth Osicka, second by Donna Goldsmith to adjourn the meeting. All members present at the time of adjournment. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna R. Kalata