

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**February 5, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kraft at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Kraft, Supervisor Peer, Supervisor Bostwick (left at 7:00 p.m.), Supervisor Rundle, Dr. Winter, Dr. Peterson, and Mr. Gresens.

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Konkol, Ms. Wade

Staff Members Present: Karen Cain – Health Officer; Timothy Banwell – Environmental Health Director; Janet Zoellner – Public Health Nursing Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; Deborah Erickson – Nursing Supervisor North Office; and Elizabeth LaBelle-Administrative Secretary.

**Adopt Agenda**

Supervisor Bostwick and Supervisor Rundle made a motion to adopt the agenda. MOTION APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes 12/4/13**

Dr. Winter and Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/4/13 Board of Health meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation**

None at this time.

**Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

**New Business**

**Administrative Division**

**Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds**

Supervisor Peer and Mr. Gresens made a motion to approve the bills for the month of January, 2014. MOTION APPROVED.

**Health Department Report**

Health Officer Cain pointed out to the Board of Health the poster display of photos from the Edgerton Community Schools Garden event. Health Educator and School Garden Coordinator, Alison Chouinard was able to purchase raised garden bed supplies through the Community Transformation Grant. The school children, teachers, and Alison spent a Saturday building raised garden beds. The intent of this program is to teach

children about vegetables, fruits, and gardening. Health Officer Cain stated that the CDC has reported the rate of childhood obesity has declined for the first time in 30 years.

The Rock County Health Department has received an \$8,000 Farm Safety Grant from the Bureau of Environmental Occupational Health. Health Officer Cain explained that this will allow a Health Educator to be on staff an extra day a week for twelve weeks. The purpose of this grant is to work with town associations, school districts, etc to distribute farm safety materials and educate rural communities on farm safety. Dr. Peterson mentioned that there currently are some state farm safety programs for the Health Educator could to reference and that Pam Yahnke would be another good resource.

Health Officer Cain and Environmental Health Director Banwell shared the 2013 Prescription Drug Collection Program totals with the Board of Health. In 2013, 4,329 pounds of prescription drugs were collected from the 24/7 drop boxes located thru out Rock County. A graph that showed pounds collected per year from 2006-2013 was handed out to the Board of Health. 2013 was a record year for poundage collected. Dr. Peterson inquired if the 2013 figures included all 24/7 drop boxes and controlled/non controlled substances. Health Officer Cain stated yes, this poundage collected reflects all Rock County Drop Boxes and includes controlled and non controlled substances.

Health Officer Cain informed the Board that beginning in April 2014, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will be releasing new guidelines for prescription drug collection. The changes will no longer allow prescription drugs to be sorted. All prescription drugs collected will be treated as controlled substances. This means the Health Department can no longer store non controlled substances. Another change in the guidelines will not allow medications to be taken out of the container. By keeping medications in containers, this will increase the number of drums needed and cost of disposal. The DEA guidelines will also require 2 law enforcement members to transport and dispose of the drugs. Environmental Health Director Banwell shared a concern that this may decrease the number of law enforcement agencies that are currently participating in the program. Dr. Winter inquired if there are going to be any additional programs proposed by the DEA as a result of these program changes. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated not at this time.

There was discussion among the Board of Health on the community impacts, having prescription drugs on the street instead of being turned into drop boxes and alternate programs. Mr. Gresens mentioned to the Board of Health that Law Enforcement, Health Department's, and pharmacies should all communicate to discuss what can be done locally. The Board came to a consensus that this is an important program and local solutions will need to be looked into once details are released on the DEA changes.

Health Officer Cain announced to the Board of Health that the Health Department had been approached by Kealy Pharmacy to see if we were interested in influenza vaccine that was nearing expiration date. The Health Department was able to accept 60 doses of influenza vaccine. Nursing Director Zoellner stated the Health Department is investigating sites that could benefit from a donated influenza vaccine. Nursing Director Zoellner asked the Board to please share any site suggestions that they may have to utilize this vaccine at.

Supervisor Bostwick inquired when the vaccine expires. Nursing Director Zoellner stated that the influenza vaccine typically expires in June 2014. Dr. Peterson asked when the vaccine was made and if it was for this current flu season. Nursing Director Zoellner stated yes this is for the current flu season and explained that the demand for the influenza vaccine is declining at this time in the year, which is why some facilities may have vaccine left or are looking to donate remaining doses.

Health Officer Cain then gave an update on the Brownfield Grant. The City of Janesville is working with a consultant from Madison to develop a plan based on citizen input for redevelopment of brownfield sites in Janesville. Last week, there was a community meeting and it was found that the citizens in the community the Health Department have had meetings with shared similar redevelopment ideas with the business community of down town Janesville. Some common input includes: more green space, additional exercise space, and safety. The Health Department was invited by the consultant(s) to share our information collected and hopes that this will be considered when the redevelopment plans are written. Dr. Peterson inquired if GM plant is a brownfield site. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated that yes it is considered a brownfield because it is underused.

Health Officer Cain informed the Board of Health that the Wisconsin On-Site Water Recycle Association selects one county in the state each year and donates a septic system (POWTS-Private On-Site Waste Water Treatment System) that will be installed at no cost to the home owner. Rock County was selected this year. This program requires the septic inspection fee to be waived. Health Officer Cain stated that this will be on the next meeting's agenda. Supervisor Peer inquired if the owner selected to receive this will be a clear cut one person or narrowed down to 10 and a name drawn. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated that this would be up to the discretion of the installer from this program. Chair Kraft asked Environmental Health Director Banwell what the POWTS inspection fee is. The fee is approximately \$500.00 and \$100.00 is to be paid to the State of Wisconsin. Supervisor Peer inquired why the inspection would be waived. Health Officer Cain clarified that the inspection will still take place; however, the Health Department would be required to waive the inspection fee.

Environmental Health Director Banwell informed the Board that failing septic systems sometimes are eligible for the Wisconsin Fund. However, system back-ups into a basement are not eligible. Environmental Health Director Banwell also mentioned that with failing systems soil tests are often required and he will bring that information to the next meeting.

Health Officer Cain informed the Board that Beloit Health Systems was requesting a letter of support from the Board of Health for expansion of the Northe Point Clinic in Roscoe, IL. This is for an ambulatory surgery center. The State of Illinois requires justification of clinics/hospitals to add on to their current facilities. Chair Kraft inquired why the Rock County Board of Health was being asked to support this and not Illinois Counties. Health Officer Cain said Beloit Health Systems is looking for as much support as possible. There was discussion among the Board of Health on writing a letter of support. The Board of Health came to a consensus to decline to write a letter of support because it is not in Rock County and that is where the Board of Health would like to focus their involvement.

**Resolution: Amending the 2014 Rock County Health Department Budget to Provide Radon Testing Kits to the Public.**

Health Officer Cain explained to the Board of Health that the Health Department is currently selling radon kits. The purpose of this resolution is to change the accounting method for the sale of radon kits. Formally, this was set up as a balance sheet account and now will be set up as an expense and revenue account. Supervisor Bostwick and Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the resolution. MOTION APPROVED.

**Semi-Annual Report-Attendance at Conventions/Conferences**

Health Officer Cain informed the Board of Health that For the period of July 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013, there were no Rock County Health Department staff persons that attended a training, convention, or conference in which the costs exceeded \$1,000.00 per event, per employee, whether in-state or out-of-state.

## **Public Health Nursing**

No report.

## **Environmental Health**

No report.

## **Special Report: Ashley Crawford, Project Manager for the Beloit Life Course Initiative for Healthy Families**

Chair Kraft and Nursing Director Zoellner introduced Ashley Crawford, Project Manager for the Beloit Life Course Initiative for Health Families (Beloit LIHF). Nursing Director Zoellner stated that the Health Department has been collaborating with Beloit LIHF regarding infant deaths in Rock County.

A story on Fetal Infant Mortality Rate (FIMR) and Beloit LIHF was in the Gazette earlier this week. Nursing Director Zoellner also handed out Infant Mortality Rates from 2006-2010 to the Board of Health.

Beloit LIHF Collaborative Mission: To Build a Community Collaborative to close the black-white gap in birth outcomes by improving the health and well-being of African American families and communities, and addressing social and economic inequalities. Ms. Crawford presented to the Board of Health on the Social Determinants of Health (where you live, work, and play affects how healthy you can be).

### Social Determinants of Health:

- Health Care Access
- Education Gap
- Mental Health
- Employment Opportunities
- Transportation
- Neighborhood Safety
- Access to Food
- Racism
- Poverty
- Family Support

The focus of Ms. Crawford's power point presentation was infant mortality (death before first birthday) rate of African Americans and the variety of social determinants of health that affect this rate.

### Beloit, WI Infant Mortality Rates:

8.8/1,000-Whites      13.8/1,000-African Americans

At the end of the presentation Board of Health Members had an opportunity to have their questions answered by Ms. Crawford. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Crawford for her presentation and look forward to receiving updates in the future.

### **Communications and Announcements**

Health Officer Cain informed the Board of Health that the current County Administrator, Craig Knutson, has announced his retirement.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Gresens and Supervisor Peer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth LaBelle, Recorder

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