

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**April 2, 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. Konkol, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Winter, Mr. Gresens, R.P.H., and Ms. Wade, WHNP.

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 Ms. Wade made a motion to adopt the agenda. MOTION APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes 3/5/14**

Supervisor Peer and Ms. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/5/14 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**

Ms. Wade and Dr. Konkol made a motion to approve the bills for the month of March 2014. MOTION APPROVED.

**Health Department Report**

Health Officer Cain announced that the project manager, Katie Schroeder, for the Community Transformation Grant has resigned. Katie's last day with the Health Department will be next week. Funding for this grant ends 9/30/14, so the remainder of the grant term will be subcontracted out to UW Extension. UW Extension has been active with all aspects of this grant, so they will be able to handle what needs to be completed yet.

Health Officer Cain informed the Board that the interview process has began for the two public health nursing positions that are currently vacant. The silver award was received by the Health Department from United Way was then passed around for the Board to view. Health Officer Cain then shared the recent publicity since the March Board of Health Meeting.

The following articles were passed around for viewing:

- Water Consumption
- Farm Safety
- County Health Rankings

Health Officer Cain then explained the County Health Rankings to the Board. Rock County ranked 62 out of 72 in 2014. The same ranking was received in 2013. This report looks at trends instead of a certain point in time. For example, Rock County had an increase in preventative screenings. This study is done nationwide. In order for the study to work nationwide data used must be available by all states. The criteria changes make this report challenging to measure improvement. Health Officer Cain explained that wealth, education, and poverty rate has an impact on a county's health. For example, Ozaukee County is the wealthiest county in the State of Wisconsin and also has the highest percentage of college educated and low poverty rate. Supervisor Peer mentioned that this is a continual improvement and all improvements do not necessarily show what we are doing as a Health Department to improve the health of Rock County. Health Officer Cain stated it is only one measure per set of data given and that our Annual Report is a good measure of how we are improving by meeting objectives, etc.

Dr. Konkol stated that the County Health Ranking results are a good opportunity to partner with hospitals in Rock County to make the health of Rock County a win-win for all (physicians, public health, hospitals, and citizens). Health Officer Cain informed that Board that the Affordable Care Act requires all hospitals to complete a community needs assessment every 3 years. Public Health participates in this along with the four hospitals in Rock County, UW Extension, Human Services, Beloit Area Community Health Center, and Health Net of Rock County.

Rock County is in the process of completing its 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Health Needs Assessment. The committee is looking at health care needs thru the assessment and will then collaborate and choose one need in Rock County to work on. The committee is considering looking how to encourage people to go to preventative health screenings. Preventative health screenings save money and can help improve peoples' health. Working together can be challenging, but this committee is very dedicated. There was then some over all discussion from the Board on the County Health Rankings results.

Quick Reader (QR) codes will now be utilized on some of the Rock County Health Department brochures. The QR codes will be available on our Farm Safety, Health Department, and Travel Immunization Brochures. The new brochures with the QR codes were then passed around for the Board to view.

Health Officer Cain informed the Board that vaccine preventable disease is required to be reported to the State. Rock County did not have any vaccine preventable disease to report, however, we did have two follow-up cases. Measles and Mumps were reported in two other counties in Wisconsin. Over the last few years, the number reportable cases of measles have increased.

The Health Department highlights from the 2013 Annual Report were then shared by Health Officer Cain.

**Resolution: Rabies Awareness Week April 20-26,2014**

Dr. Winter and Dr. Konkol made a motion to approve the resolution. MOTION APPROVED.

**Resolution: Amending the 2014 Rock County Health Department Budget to Increase the Environmental Health Technician Position from 0.4 FTE to 0.6 FTE.**

Supervisor Bostwick and Dr. Konkol made a motion to approve the resolution. MOTION APPROVED.

Health Officer Cain stated that this will be a position increase thru the end of October (busy season) and then the position will be a 0.4 FTE again. This will be funded through the money the Health Department is receiving for assisting with the HUD Grant, thus making it a wash.

**Environmental Health**

Environmental Health Director Banwell presented to the Board of Health on Town Well Sampling Program. The goal of this program is to improve the health of the community by promoting well sampling to rural Rock County residents. Staff from the Health Department goes out to the Town Hall for a test bottle distribution, sample drop-off, and results delivery/presentation. This program helps educate citizens on the quality of their well water and what do to do get safe drinking water.

Prior to a town sampling, letters to out to everyone in the township with a well. The letter notifies citizens of the dates for their town hall sampling event. The town sampling program has resulted in an 15% increase of well water sampling.

Environmental Health Director Banwell then disturbed a hand out with a summary of the 2013 town sampling program. The Health Department recently had the first 2014 town hall sampling in March at the Town of Center. Supervisor Rundle inquired what level the nitrates have to be for the City of Janesville to issue warnings. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated that above 10 mg/l for nitrates is not safe for pregnant women or babies and 20 mg/l and above is not safe for anyone to drink.

Chair Kraft inquired if citizens have to request this sampling program at their town hall. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated, yes citizens must request this. The Health Department has a good working relationship with the various towns in Rock County for this service and hopes to expand this program in 2014.

Dr. Konkol questioned if there is anything that can be done to correct high nitrates. Environmental Health Director Banwell explained that a reverse osmosis system can reduce the level of nitrates. Some licensed facilities with wells that have a DNR contract with nitrates may have to drill a new well. Supervisor Peer inquired if the new well will be dug deeper than the prior well. Environmental Health Director Banwell said the new well will be deeper, cased into the sand stone.

**Public Health Nursing**

Nursing Director Zoellner gave a presentation to the Board on Community Collaborations the Health Department is involved in. The requests for the Health Department participation in community collaboration

have increased greatly. The Health Department has data that can be helpful for collaborations to know where to focus efforts, to set goals to achieve as a collation, etc.

The role of the Public Health Nurse has changed significantly over the past 5-10 years into one of deepening collaboration instead of solely individual service delivery. Collaboration involves a determination of common goals and vision, then moving toward common action to bring about results. Traditionally the Health Department has had a role in representing health concerns on many community coalitions. In the past few years this role has deepened to actual collaboration in service delivery in many settings. The following is intended to highlight just a few ways that this is being fulfilled in Rock County by the nursing division.

#### Community Collaborations:

*Beloit LIHF Collaborative*  
*Rock County Breastfeeding Coalition*  
*Child Death Review Team*  
*Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team*  
*Rock County Home Visiting Network*  
*Beloit EvenStart Program*  
*Beloit Senior Fair*  
*Janesville Senior Fair*  
*Rock County Steppin' On (Falls Prevention)*  
*Color Me Healthy Education in Child Care Settings*  
*First Choice Women's Health Center*  
*Mercy and Dean HMO Medical Home Initiative*  
*Head Start/Early Head Start Program*  
*Domestic Violence Shelter group meetings*  
*Pregnancy Helpline group meetings*

In addition to the above community collaborations, the Health Department also works with Rock County in their employee wellness program and cultural diversity team.

Coming in July 2014, there will be an additional collaboration with Rock County hospitals for pregnant women on Medical Assistance. This will be collaboration with the Health Department Pre Natal Care Coordination program, Medical Assistance HMO, and the hospital. The goal of this will be to decrease pregnancy risks based on risks found thru the social determinants of health. This will be a benefit to tax payers through prevention because babies born into high risk situations are very costly.

Supervisor Peer asked if this collaboration will be similar to an education plan where you meet parents, plan, and implement. Nursing Director Zoellner stated that the HMO goal here is a physician relationship with public health. The client completes a care plan with a public health nurse, which indicates the risks that will be worked on. This care plan will be faxed to the physician for their records. Supervisor Peer inquired if more than one social determinant is addressed at a time. Nursing Director Zoellner explained that in public health we have to address all social determinants and negotiate that relationship with the client.

Nursing Supervisor Erickson explained that this is similar to education field in the aspect that the assessment completed by the nurse is similar to a test and the care plan is your lesson plan. Nursing Director Zoellner hopes this collaboration will help the Health Department receives prenatal referrals sooner, thus being able to work on client's risks sooner.

**Communications and Announcements**

None at this time.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Rundle and Dr. Konkol made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth LaBelle, Recorder

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