

MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
September 1, 2010

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

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Kraft, Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Peer, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Winter, and Ms. Wade.

Board of Health Members Absent: Supervisor Thompson, Dr. Best, and James Rooney.

Staff Members Present: Karen Cain – Health Officer; Janet Zoellner – Nursing Director; Tim Banwell – Environmental Health Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office, Deborah Erickson, - Nursing Supervisor North Office, Peter Zakarias – Certified Sanitarian I/EH Technician, and Geri Waugh – Account Clerk.

Others Present: None at this time.

Adopt Agenda

Dr. Winter made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Bostwick seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes 8/4/10

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/4/10 Board of Health meeting. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

None at this time.

Unfinished Business

Letter to Congress in Support of HR1191

Ms. Cain stated the revised draft of the letter to Representative Waxman, concerning the disposal of unwanted drugs, was included in the meeting packet. Ms. Cain asked the Board members if there were any changes or additions that needed to be made to the letter. As there weren't any changes that needed to be made to the letter, the original letter was circulated to the Board members for their signature, and Ms. Cain stated the letter would be mailed on 9/2/10.

New Business

Administrative Division

Resolution – Authorizing Transfer from Land Conservation's ATC Fee Trust Account to the Health Department Pharmaceutical Collection Program

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this _____ day of _____, 2010, approves transferring the \$5,988 of the aforementioned impact fees and hereby amends the Public Health Department budget as follows:

<u>A/C Description</u>	<u>Budget at</u> <u>8/1/10</u>	<u>Amount of</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3000-0000-47000			
Transfer In	-0-	5,988	5,988
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3000-0000-64900			
Sundry Expense	8,500	5,988	14,488

Supervisor Bostwick made a motion to approve the resolution. Supervisor Peer seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds

Dr. Winter asked, under the Well Sampling Grant, why payments are being made to individuals. Mr. Banwell explained that part of this grant is being used to reimburse homeowners up to \$400 for expenses they have incurred in correcting/repairing their private wells.

Dr. Winter also asked why our interpreter fees #62503 to Belem Gonzalez are so high. Ms. Zoellner stated that Ms. Gonzalez now comes to the health department’s Janesville office on Tuesdays for approximately 2 hours and during that time, staff try to utilize her interpreting services with clients instead of using the more costly phone interpreter line.

Chair Kraft asked if there is a maximum amount the health department would pay as a cost share for starting up a drug collection program in a city, as was done for Milton. Ms. Cain stated in the case of Milton, the health department had agreed to pay one-third of the startup costs.

Ms. Wade made a motion to approve the bills for the month of August, 2010 in the amount of \$2,797.19; bills for the PHER Grant in the amount of \$3,588.28; and bills for the Well Sampling Grant in the amount of \$1,950.00. Supervisor Bostwick seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

There are no transfers of funds this month.

Health Department Report

Natures Ridge: Ms. Cain stated the health department met with home owners in the Natures Ridge area of Beloit at the Beloit Town Hall on 8/16 to update them on information concerning their contaminated wells. All of the wells in the subdivision were sampled. A broken septic pipe from a mound system approximately midway in the subdivision was thought to be the source of the contamination. WDNR has been assisting with the water analyses from the wells. E.coli had been found in some of the water samples, along with high coliform bacteria counts. The health department will sample the wells every 2 weeks for the next couple of months, and monthly thereafter. One new well has been drilled to replace a well that had high contamination.

African American Infant Mortality Coalition: Ms. Cain stated the coalition has been awarded a grant. Lorraine Lathen from Milwaukee is the grant coordinator. On 9/17/10, there will be a workshop entitled ‘Swimming

Upstream to Address Infant Mortality: Life Course Theory Workshop' from 9:00 – 12:00 noon at the Beloit Public Library. The Life Course Theory offers a new vision for maternal and child health (MCH). It offers a new way of looking at health as an integrated continuum. Workshop participants will engage in interactive activities and a mini-presentation that will focus on increasing knowledge and understanding of the life course theory, health equity, and social determinants of health. Participants will explore barriers to mobilizing community stakeholders around this approach and issue. Ms. Cain invited the Board members to attend this workshop.

2011 Budget Meeting: Ms. Cain stated she, Tim Banwell, Janet Zoellner, and Geri Waugh attended the health department's 2011 proposed budget meeting on 8/25/10 with the county administrator. The health department will need to find an additional \$20,000 in grants for 2011 to help offset budget costs. The public health nurses' union contract has been settled: no raise for 2010, a 1% raise on 1/1/11, and a 1% raise on 12/31/11. The health department has requested to reclassify 5 of the clerical staff to combine 2 administrative assistants and 2.6 health aides into one position called a Public Health Support Specialist.

Milton 24/7 Drug Collection: This collection box is located outside of the Milton Police Department. Ms. Cain stated that Janesville has now shown some interest in having a permanent collection site. Thus far, approximately 100 pounds of non-controlled drugs and 10 pounds of controlled drugs have been collected at the Milton site. There is also a surveillance camera at the site for security purposes.

Countywide Drug Collections: Saturday, September 11, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the following drug collections will be done:

Janesville Water Utility	Beloit Department of Public Works
123 Delavan Drive	2351 Springbrook Court
Janesville	Beloit

Drug collections will also be done at the Beloit Senior Fair on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 and the Janesville Senior Fair on Friday, October 29, 2010.

Partners in Prevention Grant: Ms. Cain stated that Partners in Prevention contacted her concerning applying for a grant to be used for the prevention of drug and alcohol use. Approximately 65-70 letters were mailed to community agencies/partners to invite them to attend a 9/17/10 meeting to establish a coalition for the prevention of drug and alcohol use.

Resolution – Accepting Additional Healthy Homes Mini-Grant Funds and Amending the 2010 Rock County Health Department Budget

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby authorize the Rock County Health Department to accept this \$2,000 in additional Healthy Homes mini-grant funds, and amend the 2010 Rock County Health Department Budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>8/24/10</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3074-0000-42200			
State Aid	5,800	2,000	7,800
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3074-0000-63110			
Administrative Expense	5,800	2,000	7,800

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the resolution. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Environmental Health

Posting of Restaurant Scores

Mr. Banwell stated that the public often expresses an interest in the inspection results of food establishments in Rock County. At least two communities (Milwaukee and LaCrosse County) in Wisconsin provide these results online. A web search will find numerous jurisdictions nationwide that post inspection results for access by the public.

Mr. Banwell then used the internet to look at four examples of posting inspection results by four different communities – two in Wisconsin, one in the state of Oregon, and one in the state of Virginia. Mr. Banwell showed each example to the Board members, and explained the differences/similarities in the manner the reports were displayed. Discussion followed.

While some persons in the food service industry see posting scores as something that will eventually happen, others are apprehensive about it. The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services is developing a proposal for posting inspection reports, and has support from the Wisconsin Restaurant Association. The public sees access to inspection reports as public information that should be available. Listing pros and cons for posting inspection results is challenging since an advantage for one group may be a disadvantage for another group. Listed below are points to consider when posting food establishment inspection results:

Different types of food establishments have different risks:

- A Specialty Grocery Store with no food processing will have less risk than a Convenience Store making sandwiches.
- A Complex Restaurant with buffet lines and cooking raw food will have more risk than a Simple Restaurant selling coffee and rolls.

Restaurant scores can be misleading:

- A score of 80 can be the result of 4 or 5 high-risk violations (food temperatures, faulty dishwasher, etc.), or a score of 80 can result from various minor code violations (floors, walls, and ceilings).

The public has a valid interest in knowing inspection results and needs to understand inspection results to make informed decisions. Inspection reports can be lengthy and complicated for those unfamiliar with food establishment operations. Posting inspection results can negatively impact businesses. The inspection report is a snapshot of the day and time of the inspection, and may not be representative of overall long-term operation of the food establishment.

Posting inspection results online will require staff time plus in-house development of software to move information from the inspection report to the county website. Posting inspection results would give the public transparency to an important function of the Rock County Health Department.

Public Health Nursing

Update on African American Infant Mortality Statistics

Ms. Zoellner completed a powerpoint presentation for the Board members concerning an Update on African American Infant Mortality Statistics.

Wisconsin's African American infant death rate is the worst in the U.S. Infant mortality is the rate of infant death in the first year of life per 1,000 live births. Infant mortality statistics do not include miscarriage, but they do include premature births. Race determination of the infant is determined by the race of the mother. Each year, approximately 100 infants are born in Beloit to African Americans. Each African American infant death raises the infant mortality rate by about 10 points. Infant deaths are those that occur before 365 days of age.

Beloit Infant Mortality

<u>Mother's Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>			
			<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
All Selected	8.33	6.72	8.65	8.62	6.31	11.24
Non-Hispanic White	7.47	8.50	9.05	7.26	4.93	7.59
Non-Hispanic Black	16.82	0	17.70	16.81	10.10	42.11
Hispanic	4.62	8.00		6.54	8.20	

Communications and Announcements

None at this time.

Adjournment

Dr. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wade seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Waugh, Recorder

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