

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**April 7, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Joiner at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Supervisor Joiner, Dr. Peterson, Chair Brill, Supervisor Bostwick (left at 7:00 p.m.), Ms. Wade, Dr. Winter, Supervisor Peer.

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Best and Mr. Rooney.

Staff Members Present: Karen Cain – Health Officer; Adam Elmer – Registered Sanitarian; Debbie Erickson – Nursing Supervisor North Office; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; and Carol McComb – Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Supervisor Sandy Kraft.

Thank You

Supervisor Joiner expressed his sadness in losing his seat in the recent election. He stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed being on the Board of Health. He stated that he would not be back for another 2 years. The rest of the Board thanked him for his participation with the Board of Health, as he has been an active spokesman for public health.

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes 3/3/10

Chair Brill made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/3/10 Board of Health meeting. Supervisor Peer seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Supervisor Kraft expressed her concern on the safety of a new product that is out called Spitless Tobacco. It is a tobacco product that you put in your mouth and releases nicotine. They are made to look like Skittles candy and if taken improperly by children could be fatal. She wrote letters to our State Representatives in Madison about her concern with this product and their response was that there was no money to support any action. She would like to see the health department collaborate with Youth 2 Youth on a possible grant to get information into the schools about the dangers of this product. Ms. Zoellner suggested that maybe the police force could get involved since it would be illegal to buy this product if you were less than 18 years of age. Dr. Winter stated that unfortunately this product goes in the mouth and therefore easy to conceal, which is different for chew or cigarettes. Vice-Chair Joiner asked Ms. Cain to draft up a letter to State Representatives expressing the concern with this product and to partner with the Janesville Gazette and Beloit Daily News on an article regarding the subject.

Unfinished Business

None at this time.

## **New Business**

### **Administrative Division**

#### **Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds**

Dr. Winter asked about the bill in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Amazon.com. Ms. Cain stated that it a pre-approved encumbrance for 23 Pack-N-Plays and sheets. Amazon.com allowed us order them all at once instead of a department store only having a certain number available at once and we were able to have them shipped right to our office instead of going to pick them up. Ms. Zoellner stated that they decided to go with the Pack N Plays because for the same price you could get 23 units verses 10 cribs. Cribs do not come with bedding, but the Pack N Plays do. These would be available to any family in need with an infant that agrees to do a follow-up visit with one of our public health nurses.

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the bills for the month of March in the amount of \$8,838.44; bills for the First Breath Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00; bills for the Consortium Funds in the amount of \$264.00, bills for Emergency Response in the amount of \$1,756.96, bills for Healthy Homes in the amount of \$649.22, and bills for the Balance Sheet A/C in the amount of \$807.50. Ms. Wade seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

There are no transfers of funds this month.

### **Health Department Report**

#### **Board of Health Packets**

Ms. Cain asked the Board members if they would like the department to send out their Board of Health packets to them. She stated that she did not realize that they were not being sent out, she thought that just the minutes were going paperless. The Board members would like it all to remain paperless.

#### **2009 Annual Report**

Ms. Cain handed out the 2 versions of the 2009 Annual Report. She stated that the longer version was a more involved report. There was a staff committee that came up with the shorter version, which is a more "reader friendly" version that the public could understand a little easier. Both versions would be available on our website.

#### **Well Water Testing Grant**

Ms. Cain stated that last month there was an \$18,000.00 Well Water Testing Grant available from the State. Our department will send out letters to homeowners impacted by the flood in 2008. We sent a proposal for \$18,000.00 to the State for this grant and we were sent back a response with an alternate proposal grant for \$38,000.00. We are waiting to hear their final decision. With that money we would be testing water samples for bacteria in our lab and providing assistance to unsafe well owners including chlorination and minor well repairs. The funds have to be used up by August 1, 2010. Approximately 800 residents tested their wells during the flood in 2008; they will receive letters from us to test their wells.

Kountry Kourts

Ms. Cain stated that Tim Banwell and Adam Elmer went out to the Kountry Kourts Mobile Home Park on March 26, 2010 to evaluate compliance with the mobile home park code. A lot of refuse problems and abandonment of mobile home units were found. We are coordinating our efforts with the Town of Plymouth. If a license is not renewed with the Town of Plymouth, some residents may become homeless. We are working with various agencies to minimize the impact of the park closure, which would include finding housing for residents. We met with the Sheriff's Department and the Town Board and they would like to see a full compliance or the mobile home license would be revoked. All correspondence and meetings have been documented.

National County Government Month

Ms. Cain stated that for National County Government Month, the health department would be doing free blood pressure screenings at the courthouse. We will be handing out information about what our department does at this event. There will be a Family Fun Night held at the Public Works building on April 29, 2010. It is for all county employees and their family and friends. Our department will have a booth set up there as well.

Guest Commentary

Ms. Cain handed out copies of an article that Supervisor Podzilni wrote to the Beloit Daily Newspaper. He stated that the health department takes a lead role in ensuring that Rock County residents are healthy. One instance he gave was our response to H1N1 influenza virus epidemic. He stated that along with that additional responsibility we did not miss a beat with the department mission of preventing illness and enhancing health.

Health Educator

Ms. Cain stated that our new Health Educator, Laura Fadrowski, began employment last month. She is very active in health and wellness and jumped right in with projects. She is very excited about promoting health and is doing an outstanding job.

**Pricing for Deionizer Rental**

In response to the question from last month's meeting about getting a 2-3 year contract with E & D Water Works for the deionizer rental, Ms. Cain stated that the Groundwater Manager, Rick Wietersen, thought that the health department should wait first to see if the service was right for the lab. Chair Brill suggested that maybe getting a 60-day trial period could be written into the contract so that if it did not work for our lab we could get out of the contract. If after the 60-day trial period the service was sufficient, then a 2-year contract could be drawn up.

**Resolution – Accepting Back-to-Sleep Mini-Grant 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 the \$2,000 Dean Health System/SSM Health Care of Wisconsin mini-grant, and amend the 2010 Rock County Health Department budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>3/5/10</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
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Source of Funds

31-3009-0000-46000/ Contributions	-0-	\$2,000	\$2,000
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Use of Funds

31-3009-0000-63110/ Administrative Expense	-0-	\$2,000	\$2,000
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Supervisor Bostwick made a motion to approve the Back-to-Sleep Mini-Grant Resolution. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

**Accepting American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Immunization & Vaccines for Children & Adults Grant 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 the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Immunization and Vaccines for Children and Adults Grant in the amount of \$34,767 and amend the 2010 Rock County Health Department Budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>3/10/10</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3020-0000-42100 ARRA Grant	-0-	\$34,767	\$34,767
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3020-0000-63110 ARRA Grant Administrative Expense	-0-	\$34,767	\$34,767

Dr. Winter made a motion to approve the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Immunization & Vaccines for Children & Adults Grant Resolution. Chair Brill seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

**Public Health Nursing**

**Changes to the Immunization Schedule in the Past 20 Years and its Impact on Nursing Services**

Ms. Zoellner did a PowerPoint presentation on how vaccinations have changed over the past 20 years.

Some of the changes are as follows:

- The number of vaccines have changed, combination vaccines are now available.
- Cost of the vaccines have gone up
- Social media has colored the parents attitude towards vaccinating their children
- The decline in vaccine preventable diseases

In 1990 there were 7 routine shots to give a child with the availability of 2 combination shots (DPT and MMR)

In 2010 there are now 16 routine shots, with 7 different combination shots available (DPT, MMR, Kinrix, Pediarix, Pentacel, Twinrix and Comvax).

In 1985, it cost approximately \$45 to vaccinate a child in a lifetime and now in 2010 the cost is approximately \$1,519 to vaccinate a child in a lifetime.

Why it has changed:

- Immunizations are the most effective tool to reduce communicable illness
- Immunization is cost effective if the disease burden is high enough
- Schools and daycares have added required vaccinations for attendance.

There were over 20,000 cases a year of Hib before the vaccine was introduced and in 2006 there were 29 cases nationwide.

Since Hepatitis A was introduced in 1999 to the infant series, there has been a large decrease in incidences.

How does this affect parents:

- Immunizations are expensive
- Inaccurate information being put out
- Some providers do not agree with the immunization of infants

How does this affect nurses:

- Must be aware of current trends
- Be in the loop of information and outreach
- Be oriented on vaccine and the correct formulation and continue education on vaccines available (nursing and clerical work together on vaccine assessment)
- Have the ability to motivate parents to see that immunizing is the safest alternative to disease prevention

How has the department coped with the change:

- More outreach to providers
- More connection with manufacturers
- Utilization of the WIR (Wisconsin Immunization Registry) program
- Sensitivity to issues facing parents
- Provide low cost or no cost immunizations to those in need

Nurses have to be able to address the concern regarding vaccines causing autism with sensitivity. Nurses have to be able to give good reasons on why their children need to be vaccinated. Nurses need to be able to know the contraindications of vaccines, know the department doctor's orders and know how to properly screen.

What is in the future:

- More partnering with agencies and service providers
- Focus on adult vaccine schedule

The goal is to get every child vaccinated properly by the time they reach school age and then into their adolescent years.

## **Environmental Health Division**

### **Introduction**

Ms. Cain introduced Adam Elmer, Registered Sanitarian, to the Board members. He works in the General Sanitation Program in our environmental health division. Adam has been with the department for 2 years. He is in charge of the radon program and is the contact for our radon testing. He will be giving a report on radon in Rock County.

### **Radon in Rock County**

Mr. Elmer did a PowerPoint presentation on Radon in Rock County.

- Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that comes from uranium in soil and bedrock
- It seeps into homes and buildings through gaps and cracks in foundations
- Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, second only to smoking
- Radon decay products give off alpha radiation. Particles are inhaled and radiation can damage DNA increasing the risk of lung cancer
- Testing can be done by homeowners. Our department offers long-term and short-term test kits. Long-term kits are done over a longer period of time and are the most accurate
- Elevated radon levels have been found in all areas that have been tested
- Typical mitigation systems cost around \$800. Sub-slab depressurization is the most common method of mitigating. Radon systems can be installed in new construction

Rock County's Radon Program provides our citizen's low cost test kits. Over 500 were sold in 2009. We have trained staff to answer questions and can help with decisions about testing and mitigation. Our communication has increased with the community through press releases, displays and presentations to the public. We do outreach to realtors and builders about radon as well.

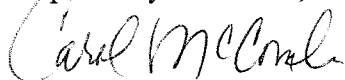
### **Communications and Announcements**

Chair Brill stated that there are only 3 meetings left before the Rock County Fair. He would like to know what kind of informational pamphlets would be passed out from our department at the fair. He suggested that a display board about the Spitless Tobacco and the dangers that they pose might be a good idea.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Brill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol McComb, Recorder

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