

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
5:30 PM

Present: Audrey Murphy, Harold Pfothenhauer, J. Tibbetts, MD, Mary Scray, Patricia Bacelis

Excused: Joe Van Deurzen

Absent: Don Murray

Staff Present: Judy Friederichs, Ricki Krautkramer, Chua Xiong

Guest Present: Dr. David Donarski

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL / MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda were proposed.

MOTION: To approve the agenda.

Scray / Pfothenhauer

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010

MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented.

Scray / Pfothenhauer

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION BY DR. DAVID DONARSKI REGARDING FALLS

Dr. Donarski distributed a handout for his presentation (attached) and discussed the benefits of the services provided through ADRC.

5. UPDATE: H1N1

Judy reported that prevalence of H1N1 around the state is now sporadic. The last reported case was in mid-February. Judy reminded the board that only hospitalized individuals are tested – so all cases are not

reported. There is still a possibility of a third wave of illness – potentially when college students go home and then return from spring break.

Clinics are now by appointment – rather than the mass clinics that were held in previous months. Targeted clinics have also been held at ASPIRO, CP Inc., Curative Workshop and a business expo.

Brown County Health Department has vaccinated about 13,000 people. Among all of the Brown County public health agencies, about 19,000 people have been vaccinated. The grant funding has been extremely helpful in this effort.

Judy gave special recognition to Ricki Krautkramer and Debbie Stein, as well as all of the department staff who put a lot of time and effort in to this program.

There will be two meetings to evaluate lessons learned. One will be a partners' meeting with about 60 participants from the community; the other will be a meeting of health department staff.

Ricki stated that H1N1 will probably be included in this year's flu vaccine.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Judy distributed a breakdown of odor complaints over the last several years (attached). Of the 17 complaints in 2009 related to Packerland Packing, 14 were from before the new stack was installed. This was around May 1st, 2009.

Sanimax is now considering installing a stack as well. The DNR tends to get the complaint calls for this company.

Dr. Tibbetts said that it would be nice to recognize the achievements of these companies who have made significant investments in improvements. Judy said that a letter of support was sent to JBS Packerland at their request for use with their parent company.

County Health Rankings have been sent to board members prior to the meeting. Judy said that Wisconsin has been the leader in this project. The Robert Wood Johnson foundation is now going to fund this project to be implemented nationwide. Because of the change to a set of nationwide ranking criteria, the Population Health Institute advises against comparing results to last year's.

Audrey stated that a good portion of the air quality problems in Brown County seems to be coming up from Chicago.

Judy commented that the rankings are a good educational tool for people to make educated decisions. She also pointed out that Brown County ranks very high in availability of good quality health care.

Dr. Tibbetts asked where the rankings for the other states could be found. Judy said that the website is www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Judy said that the department will be working with De Pere to start a required community health assessment.

The state tobacco program will be multi-jurisdictional beginning this year. The application was competitive and with the award in our area going to the Fox Valley. Judy stated that more programs are moving to regional funding because of the decreased level of resources available.

Judy and Mary Dorn are serving on a local cancer group that is exploring interventions related to tobacco use prevention and healthy nutrition to prevent obesity for school aged individuals. This is yet in the early research phase—exploring need and existing resources.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Mary said that she is working with a group on studying a scanner that can be used to detect fraudulent use of IDs. Someone in the group mentioned that the Health Department might have a use for this system. Judy said that she didn't think that there would be a use for this with any of the department's programs but that she would check with managers and staff in case there is something that she isn't thinking of. She said that she would be willing to attend a meeting as well if it was relevant.

8. ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th at 5:30 PM at the Brown County Health Department.

MOTION: To adjourn (7:00 PM) Scray / Pfothenauer

MOTION CARRIED