

Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY

Thursday, September 17, 2009

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility
119 E. Olin Avenue
Conference Room A&B

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Present: 6 -

Lauren Cnare; Susan J. Zahner; Patricia A. Lasky; Lori Kay; William C. Sonzogni and Alan I. Schwartzstein

Absent: 2 -

Donna Vogel and Judith M. Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Schlenker, David Caes, Tommye Schneider, Janel Heinrich, Pamela Abel (recorder), Jeff Golden, Kim Neuschel, Jessica LeClair, Kate Louther, Judy Howard, Janet Piraino

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was Approve the Minutes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. PRESENTATION ON MEADOWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD - Kim Neuschel and Jessica LeClair - 20 minutes

Kim Neuschel and Jessica LeClair provided a handout and summarized their work in the Southwest Madison neighborhood.

5. [15986](#) Chair's Report for September 17, 2009

Attachments: [Chairs Report BOH 9 17 09.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

Zahner reports the Water Board has requested a review of the department fluoridation policy. This will be on the October agenda and the Chair will invite several speakers, followed by public comment on the issue. Cnare asked that the Water Utility Board be extended an invitation to the meeting. The Water Board does not feel qualified to address the health issue and therefore made this request. Jeff Lafferty, our Environmental Epidemiologist, has done extensive research and has prepared the department policy on fluoride. The Chair reviewed membership on the Board committees but since Vogel is leaving the Board, we will request a Board Supervisor replacement. Lasky is chairing the Personnel Committee. Zahner encourages Board members to participate in the strategic planning session and the online survey recently sent by the department. The Chair would like members to think about if they are interested in being proactive on public health issues. Zahner used the example of encouraging the use of bike helmets when biking. These would not use staff resources. Cnare offered that the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is doing this, and she supports the idea. This could include writing a letter to the editor or calling legislators. A suggestion was made to discuss this as part of the upcoming strategic planning process. A reminder that the Wisconsin Public Health Association/Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards requested help for planning their 2010 annual meeting being held in Madison in May.

6. [15987](#) Director Report for September 17, 2009

Attachments: [Director Report BOH 9 17 09.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

Schlenker reminded members the strategic planning session for the Board and managers of the department is scheduled for November 30 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the State Medical Society. Once the survey is completed, responses will be aggregated. A draft agenda will be distributed with the October Board agenda. The budget process for this year was much improved. The budget is still being considered and in fact, negotiations are in process with the unions over budget shortfalls. The department has been able to continue to hire despite the hiring freeze due to staffing required for H1N1. The video premier for "Place Matters" was a huge success. Last week, Cynthia Ferre from CDC was in Madison for an event on birth outcomes. She will provide a high level of research support for the infant mortality project. The press conference on H1N1 took place and the department website has been updated. A survey was distributed last week to schools, businesses, local government, and health care institutions to find out what their experience has been so far, what they learned and what they see as challenges. He met with school superintendents in Dane County and clinics will be offered in 170 schools for 80,000 children. Local health care has pledged to help with clinics. United Way is willing to take calls on their 211 line and a triage line will be established to be answered by a nurse 24/7.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION REPORT - Tommye Schneider - 5 minutes**

Schneider reports that work continues on H1N1 and a tabletop for the clinic team was held recently. The state has applied for pandemic grant funds and our department could receive up to \$800,000. Division staff has been involved with the new city licensing system which will go live in January. This will allow vendors to apply for licensing on line, pay for licenses on line and post restaurant inspections. The tobacco program has reduced state funding and it is likely our program will receive less funding in the next year. The new countywide smoke free ordinance implementation has gone well and we have received no complaints.

8. FAMILY/COMMUNITY HEALTH & POPULATION HEALTH DIVISIONS - Janel Heinrich - 5 minutes

[16001](#)

Health Promotion: Injury Prevention Newsletter September 2009

Attachments: [Injury Prevention 9-09 Newsletter.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

Heinrich reports that we will be interviewing soon for a Public Health Nurse position. She introduced Kate Louther, former PHN in the department who is now a Supervisor. She oversees the tuberculosis, intake, refugee health and employee health section programs. The work continues in the division on program evaluation and deciding what core services staff will provide during H1N1 response.

9. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT - David Caes - 5 minutes

Caes distributed a document that is the final submission to the executives on the department budget. The County is looking at salary reductions for 2010 with a possible mix of layoffs and furloughs to make up a deficit of \$9,000,000. Plans continue for moving staff out of Northport with some being relocated to the City County Building and others to Harambee.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

10. Executive - Zahner - No Report

11. Budget - Wilcox - No Report

12. Bylaws - Kay - No Report

13. Administrative Hearing - Kay - No Report

14. Personnel - Lasky - No Report

NEW BUSINESS

15. [15388](#) Amending Sec. 7.48 of the Madison General Ordinances to update the City phosphorus fertilizer ban pursuant to 2009 Wis. Act 9 (newly enacted Wis. Stat. § 94.643).

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Cnare, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

This is just to make the ordinance consistent with state law.

16. [15988](#) Dane County Ordinance Amendment No. 19, 2009-2010 Creating Exception to Prohibition of Smoking In Public Places for Tobacco Bars

Attachments: [County Ordinance Amendment 19, 2009-2010 Exception to Prohibition of Sm](#)

Schneider distributed a handout from the World Health Organization (WHO) on tobacco regulations. She referenced several areas in the article related to water pipe smoking. A hookah bar in the Town of Madison has requested an exemption. The Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee had this on their last agenda and tabled it to request more information from Dane County Corporation Counsel. The City of Madison currently allows a tobacco bar exemption for those already in existence. The state law that takes effect next year will also allow them. Schneider was asked to work with the City Comptroller to find out how the 10% tobacco sold requirement is monitored. Members expressed that this makes no sense from a public health standpoint. ACTION: Cnare/Kay moved to recommend this be placed on file, passed unanimously.

17. [15989](#) Board of Health Resolution #2009-17 Prohibiting Harassment

Attachments: [BOH Resolution Prohibit Harassment #2009-17 BOH 9 17 09.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Kay, seconded by Cnare, to Grant Final Approval by the Board of Health. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

18. **ADJOURNMENT - Sonzogni/Lasky moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.**