

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

Thursday, March 20, 2008

5:30 PM

119 E. Olin Ave.
Water Utility Offices

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Lauren Cnare; Susan J. Zahner; Judith M. Wilcox; Linda D. Oakley; Lori Kay; Bill Sonzogni and Alan I. Schwartzstein

Excused: 1 -

Jeff Kostelic

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Others Present: Tom Schlenker, Shannon Maier, David Caes, Jeff Golden, Jack Bernfeld, Tommye Schneider, Janet Piraino, Arthur Ross, Jay Ferm, Pamela Abel (Recorder)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wilcox, seconded by Sonzogni, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORTS

4. [09617](#) Chair's Report for March 20, 2008

Attachments: [Chairs report 3 20 08.pdf](#)

This Report was Accept

Dean Golden at the medical school hopes to arrange for Dr. Schwartzstein's input on curriculum development, as Board member, MPH student and MD; although specifics not yet worked out.

Labor negotiations - discussion later on the agenda

Action for Healthy Kids – Chair attended a conference in Washington on behalf of American Academy of Family Physicians with this group dedicated to combating childhood obesity.

The Public Health awards will be held on April 16 at 1:30 at Warner Park. Chair encourages Board members to attend.

NALBOH/WALHDAB/WPHA – NALBOH is collecting abstracts for talks at the annual meeting July 22-24. We have 2 abstracts, one on the merger and one on the director performance appraisal process.

5. [09618](#) Director Report 3-20-08

Attachments: [director report 3 20 08.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

Everyone is invited to attend a preview of the PBS documentary “Unnatural Causes...Is Inequality Making Us Sick?” at the Health Sciences Learning Center on March 26, hosted by Dean Robert Golden. It will include a panel discussion with lots of talk about infant mortality.

The IGA stipulates that over next four years all Madison employees will transfer to Dane County. SEIU has reached agreement and hopes to ratify in the next few weeks. The fiscal note for this agreement is estimated at \$35,000 for salary and benefits. Negotiations continue for unrepresented staff and AFSCME employees. Money has not been budgeted for any of the increased salary and benefit costs related to these agreements. Schlenker met with Mayor, Topf Wells and Janet Piraino to discuss this. He requested that all additional expenses be paid with new sources of funding. They were reluctant to agree to that. They feel that public PHMDC should have some savings that accrue over the year, and part should be applied to that additional expense. Since the difference is likely to be a great deal more, the agreement is that whatever is left at end of year would be applied to transition costs and the remainder would be made up by city and county funds. This would be without diminishing staff or programs, i.e. no layoffs and no damage to programs. Several Board members expressed their belief that this was a reasonable deal, especially given current fiscal times, but it might be helpful to get it in writing. Schwartzstein got the same message from Wells and Piraino when he spoke with them about this issue. When new union contracts are negotiated on the City side, the city funds them, not the department. Piraino assured the Board that layoffs were not discussed. For unbudgeted expenses, the city has a contingent reserve whereas the county would obtain from the general fund. She did point out that if the national or global economy suffers a significant depression or other catastrophic downturn, budget issues could become problematic.

DIVISION REPORTS - 15 minutes

6. Environmental Health - Tommye Schneider

Staff is working on the next emergency preparedness exercise. It will be a biological detection system with the post office in May. Our role is to set up clinic at Warner Park for 400 post office workers.

Large animal issues in Animal Services were mentioned last month one was resolved today, involving horses.

John Hausbeck was promoted to Environmental Health Services Supervisor, and will be NPO, supervising well and septic staff at the Northport Office. Unsure about what will happen with his vacant position, Environmental Epidemiologist.

Space for environmental health is now being pursued at One Fen Oak. County staff is drawing up plans.

7. Operations - David Caes

Support staff has met with problems providing the infrastructure to the department and the State reporting system staff is trying to use has been frustrating. A huge electronic crosswalk has been reached with the city and county using one set of books for the department instead of two data systems. The contract form is in place after being finalized last week.

8. Communicable Disease & Health Promotion - No Report

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES - 5 minutes

9. Executive - Schwartzstein - No report

10. Budget - Kostelic - No report

11. Bylaws - Wilcox - Minutes from last meeting

Attorney Gault was not able to attend the meeting so Wilcox and Kostelic met using Gault's memo as a guide. The minutes include their recommendations to changes in the bylaws. Wilcox moved to approve the minutes and incorporate changes into the bylaws. One question was about the last motion relating to Executive Committee; could the italicized phrase be eliminated. There was also concern about the language electing officers in third motion by a majority of board members present. ACTION - Motion withdrawn, new motion by Wilcox to table until the next meeting and invite Gault to attend. Passed unanimously

Personnel - LD Oakley

The next meeting is on April 17 at 4:30 p.m. at Water Utility

[09620](#)

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County Bylaws Committee Meeting
Minutes for March 3, 2008

Attachments: [Bylaws comm minutes 3 3 08.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

OLD BUSINESS - 15 minutes

12. Follow Up on Safe Food Advisory Committee Discussion at February Meeting - ACTION

Attorney Mike May advised that the old committee needs to be dissolved and a new one will be formed through the city and county legislative process. No action is needed at this time by the Board.

13. Response to AFSCME Testimony - ACTION

The Chair followed up on the previous meeting's presentation by AFSCME and drafted a response letter to Jack Bernfeld. The letter was distributed to the Board, and he asked the Board to endorse this letter as the Board's official response.

ACTION - Wilcox/Cnare moved endorsement, passed unanimously

14. Recommendations for Action on Environmental Health Move to New Location - ACTION

Both Wilcox and Schwartzstein appealed to County Executive's office to move quickly on this matter. Schneider clarified that the exact location is not essential as long as it has adequate space. ACTION – Motion by Wilcox/Cnare, recognizing that the current physical space arrangement for the environmental health staff is limiting the ability of staff to provide high quality environmental health services to the citizens of Madison and Dane County, if appropriate space within the county system is not identified by April 15, 2008 the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County authorizes the department to seek appropriate rental space. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - 30 minutes

15. [08798](#) Adopting the Platinum Biking City Planning Committee's report, "Making Madison the Best Place in the Country to Bicycle," and recommendations contained therein.

Attachments: [Platinum Biking Final Rpt Dec2007](#)
[Summary BOH Interest Platinum Bike Report .pdf](#)
[Platinum Report - Adopted.pdf](#)
[08798 Registration Stmt.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Sonzogni, seconded by Zahner, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval. Sonzogni/Zahner moved that given the public health advantages highlighted in the Platinum Bicycling Committee Report, the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County endorses the report and its recommendations.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Arthur Ross, staff from Traffic Engineering and Jay Ferm, Co-Chair of the Platinum Biking Committee, were present to answer questions. Health is a theme of this plan and health staff Muriel Nagle and Pam McGranahan was representatives that helped to shape this report. They offered gratitude to both for serving as active members of the committee. This is the opportunity for Board input and to request cooperation with carrying out areas of operations. It needs buy in by departments. A campaign for the co-existence of cars, bikes and pedestrians is part of the plan. There is also recognition that some bicyclists behave poorly and this needs to be addressed. Arthur Ross serves with Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne on safe routes to school project. Traffic Engineering does work in schools. Cnare also made a suggestion to them to work on the school board to change the rule about not being able to ride a bike to school until you are 10 years old. Congestion at schools is caused in part by parents driving kids to and from school. There are projects that Ross would like to do but no money is budgeted which might result in a reallocation of resources. For instance, he has wanted to develop a middle school area bike map. ACTION - Sonzogni/Zahner moved that given the public health advantages highlighted in the Platinum Bicycling Committee Report, the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County endorses the report and its recommendations, passed unanimously.

16. [09625](#) #2008-05 Board of Health Resolution to Accept Tobacco Control and Prevention Funds

Attachments: [2008 05 BOH 3 20 08 Tobacco Prevent & Control.pdf](#)

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

17. [09619](#) "Healthy Classrooms: A Public Health in Education Symposium" Endorsement Letter and Topic/Speaker List

Attachments: [Healthy Classrooms letter & program.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

18. Board of Health Representative on the Commission on the Environment - ACTION

Bill Sonzogni is willing to continue to serve as the Board of Health representative.

19. **ADJOURNMENT at 6:45 p.m.**