



**City of Madison**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON**  
**AND DANE COUNTY**

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Thursday, June 21, 2007

5:30 PM

119 E. Olin Ave.  
Water Utility Conference Room A&B

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Present:** Jeff Kostelic, Judith M. Wilcox, Linda D. Oakley, Mark Miller, Bill Sonzogni and Alan I. Schwartzstein

**Excused:** Lauren Cnare and Susan J. Zahner

*ALSO PRESENT: Kirsti Sorsa, Judy Howard, Brinnon Mandel, Travis Myren, Muriel Nagle, Tommye Schneider, David Caes, Thomas Schlenker, Jon Anderson, Jeff Golden, Pamela Abel*

**II. PRESENTATION BY DANE COUNTY FOOD COUNCIL**

*Members Gerry Campbell, Ruth Simpson and Jane Voichick were present to speak to the Board. The Food Council was born out of a resolution by the County Board in October 2005. They wanted to present to the Board of Health to begin a dialogue since food and agricultural issues affect public health. Their mission is to explore issues and develop recommendations to create an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable local food system. The Food Council's subcommittees include; Farmers Market Network to support and promote farmer's markets; Institutional Food Purchasing to increase the amount of local food purchased by Dane County and area institutions; Market Basket seeks to expand fresh fruits and vegetables for low income households; Educational and Outreach to get out the message of the Council and raise its profile. Schwartzstein thanked the visitors for attending and introducing the Board to their efforts. He indicated that, although the Board has a full plate right now, perhaps in 9-12 months there might be more of an opportunity for a joint initiative.*

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT - 5 minute limit per speaker**

*Dan Chavas and Eli Persky, co-founders of Informed Consumers Equal Improved Health, spoke in support of the resolution on trans fat. The resolution encourages local restaurants to voluntarily remove trans fat from their products and urges the State Legislature to consider banning the use in state facilities. They are promoting a trans fat award system to local restaurants that serve low or no trans fat. They see this as a big health issue that the city can play a role in effecting.*

*Charles Brokopp, Director of the State Lab of Hygiene, spoke in support of retaining the public health lab. The core functions of public health require effective public health lab support. The department staff provides key leadership in the local public health laboratories network. A timely response to disease outbreaks, contaminated food, and toxic exposures is not possible without the key infrastructure of a public health lab.*

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 17, 2007 and April 19, 2007 (amended)**

*MAY 17, 2007 approved*  
*APRIL 19, 2007 approved*

V. DIRECTOR REPORT

*Work has now begun on the 2008 budget and the Mayor and County Executive have agreed to come up with a common target for budget reductions. Our budget will need to be considered by the Board at their July meeting and a Budget Committee meeting will need to be scheduled. A management retreat was successfully held which included meeting with Dane County Administration in the morning to learn about their personnel system. The afternoon session was dedicated to the future and mission of the department. The mission statement is "healthy people and healthy places". The WIC program is consolidated at Harambee. The Health Promotion team has moved to the Northport Office, under the leadership of Judy Howard. The department is looking at placing the sanitarians in one place and it may be a budget item to consider. Schlenker provided a public health orientation to the new Alders on May 30. The meeting at the Medical Society on tuberculosis lessons learned was well attended. There will be a follow up meeting at the medical school next week to discuss using a new diagnostic test, quantiFERON gold. There is activity for the upcoming tobacco legislation and positive mention goes to Schneider's editorial.*

A. Follow-Up on "Health At A Glance"

*The committee met and came up with the three high priorities for next steps.*

- 1. Infant Mortality Disparity - Over the past 5 yrs black infant mortality dropped so we will gather more data from the state and others, verify the information, figure out why and do more of it. This is a #1 prior for state health.*
- 2. Excessive Rate of STIs - In adolescents and African Americans the rate is several times the average for other groups. These are important markers for potential increased levels of Hepatitis A, C and HIV since they are transmitted in the same way. We will need to convene community partners to discuss data.*
- 3. Water Quality - This means drinking and surface recreational water. Madison Water Utility is one of 34 water utilities in the county and we need to link with them. There are over 20000 private wells that are rarely tested that we need to outreach also.*

*Schneider provided a draft of the new Environmental Health Report Card and announced an expanded version will be distributed next month. This is the first report card to include Dane County. We hope to have a large dissemination. It was requested that a report on capped abandoned wells be provided.*

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

*The Chair has been working with staff on tobacco legislation. He was asked to participate on a task force at United Way, called Born Learning. It looks at the problems encountered with children not being prepared for kindergarten, how to get them prepared and where to distribute money to accomplish that. Schwartzstein and Wilcox will present a report on the Board retreat at the July meeting. The meeting with Dean Robert Golden, to include Zahner and Kostelic, is being scheduled. He worked with Caes on the legislative agenda, is working on getting approval for Board members to attend the NALBOH meeting in Alaska, and facilitated a contact at Dean Health for Halvorsen in pursuit of TB funds for persons needing resources. Schwartzstein asked members to review their July schedules for a possible date change for July's meeting.*

*A request was made to have a future fall or winter Board meeting at Harambee and have WIC staff attend.*

VII. OLD BUSINESS - 45 minutes

A. Merger Success Document - ACTION Item

*To review, this document was created to restate reasons for merger as we go through the final stages. The version recently sent was edited based on the May meeting. Schlenker is not comfortable with the title change indicating it could create problems to say improved services. There is a public misconception that public health provides medical and social services so that title is misleading. He does not agree with eliminating the word, outcomes. One reason for merger is to get better outcomes. It was suggested to add better community health to replace improved services. The word outcomes was taken out over concern that the public health department has no control over other things that happen that may impact outcomes. ACTION - A motion to amend the original document dated 3-2-07 to be titled Merger Success = Better Community Health and insert outcomes back in the first sentence, first paragraph, passed unanimously.*

B. Development of a Legislative Agenda - Draft - ACTION Item

*Miller/Wilcox moved approval with amendment in paragraph #2 that the Board will select not more than three items they would like to pursue. ACTION - passed unanimously with thanks to Caes for his work on this.*

C. 2007 Legislative Agenda Statewide Comprehensive Smoking Ban - ACTION Item

*Golden reported on testimony he provided on behalf of Schlenker at the public hearing on Senate bill 150. He referenced Schneider's report on the economic impact the ban had in Madison. This is the main concern of the opposition to the statewide ban. There are two undecided members and three out of five are needed to move it out of committee. The \$1.25 per pack increase in the tax has been approved. Telephone contact to the chairs of the boards in the district of those still undecided was recommended. ACTION - Board moved approval of the letter sent to legislators.*

D. Bylaws Revision - ACTION Item

*When Miller drafted this motion he did not realize that the IGA had not been signed. He would like to amend the motion to read: 1. Make the bylaws consistent with the intergovernmental agreement approved by the City of Madison Common Council and the Dane County Board of Supervisors to merge the Health Departments of the City of Madison and Dane County as of January 1, 2008. ACTION - Motion by Miller/Wilcox, passed unanimously.*

E. National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) 2007 & 2008 Annual Meeting

*The Chair drafted a statement to support sending two Board members to NALBOH this year but it may be possible to send only one. No further word on the 2008 annual conference.*

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Election of Officers - ACTION Item

*Chair - Miller/Wilcox nominated Schwartzstein. Sonzogni/Wilcox moved to close nominations, passed unanimously.  
Vice chair - Miller/Sonzogni nominated Wilcox. Sonzogni/Miller moved to close nominations, passed unanimously.  
2nd Vice Chair - Miller/Sonzogni moved to suspend the rules and take up the item at the next meeting, passed unanimously.*

B. PHMDC Laboratory, Present and Future Value - DISCUSSION Item Only

*This is a great opportunity to serve all Dane County by filling gaps in service outside of Madison. The cost to continue in the merged department will be close to \$200,000. Every opportunity to increase income will be explored. Since this continues to be a hot button topic, it was suggested that under the budget section of the document a more concrete timeline be given for addressing the shortfall in revenue and making the lab self sufficient. Schlenker thinks it would be hard to produce anything beyond one year. The department feels the lab is valuable to our public health mission even if not self-sufficient. Every year we monitor what we can charge but it is more important to increase capacity. This is a political issue and will be an executive decision. The department will need to make a case for why it is important for those outside of the city to have a lab and spend \$100,000 to keep it. This will be on the agenda for July. Schlenker will provide a written statement for the Board to consider promoting the continuance of the lab.*

C. Dane County Employee Relations Update on Transition Issues Related to Merger

*Travis Myren, Assistant Director of Administration and Jon Anderson, Labor Attorney who handles collective bargaining for Dane County, were present for the update. They are developing the transition Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to move city employees into county employment, per the IGA. Two bargaining committees are formed, one with AFSMCE and one with SEIU. They will meet with AFSCME next week and SEIU in early July. There are benefit and wage differences to be resolved and issues such as how to deal with accrued benefits, comp time, work rules and seniority, all within with budget constraints. It is important to assure no one is harmed and maintain morale to the extent possible. They will keep the Board informed through Schlenker and are willing to return in August with an update. It was requested that the Board be informed before formalizing the understanding in particular due to the differences in salary schedules and seniority.*

D. Resolution - City - ACTION Item

SUBSTITUTE - That the City of Madison encourages all local restaurants and food service providers to voluntarily remove trans fat from their products, and urges the State Legislature to consider banning the use of trans fat by food service providers in state facilities.

*Moved to recommend approval with the following change; in the last paragraph, Wisconsin Congressional Delegation should be Wisconsin State Legislature.*

**This matter was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed.**

E. Resolution - City - ACTION Item

Authorization to accept a grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services Division of Public Health for West Nile Virus Assessment and Control and amending the Public Health 2007 Adopted Operating Budget to allow for the receipt and expenditure of these funds.

**This matter was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed.**

F. Resolution on Student Interns - City - BOARD Only - ACTION Item

*This is a new program for us that they asked us to participate in and we have the*

*capacity to do. ACTION - Sonzogni/Wilcox moved approval, passed unanimously.*

**IX. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

*NONE*

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

*Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.*