



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

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Thursday, August 2, 2007

5:30 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Cnare, Jeff Kostelic, Susan J. Zahner, Lori Kay, Bill Sonzogni and Alan I. Schwartzstein

Excused: Judith M. Wilcox and Linda D. Oakley

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Robert Golden, Tom Schlenker, David Caes, Jeff Golden, Pamela Abel, Tommye Schneider, Patricia Frazak, Muriel Nagle, Cheryl Robinson, Kirsti Sorsa, John Hausbeck

The Chair extended a welcome to Lori Kay, new Board member replacing Mark Miller, who provided a brief background of her community service. He also welcomed Robert Golden, who became the new Dean at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health last year. Dr. Golden greeted the board and indicated his desire for feedback on the transformational process at UW. Chair reminded the Board of an upcoming meeting between Board and UW representatives to discuss mutual interests and activities.

III. PRESENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT CARD - 20 minutes

John Hausbeck, Environmental Epidemiologist, presented an environmental and human health report and took questions from the Board. He was commended for this work by Sonzogni who works in state environmental health.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - 5 minute limit per speaker

Cheryl Elkinton addressed the Board on her views on environmental needs of the community. She explained that she is forming a new group to address some environmental issues, and encouraged the Board to do the same. She used the writing boards to provide sketches and background writings for her presentation. She was thanked by the chair for her presentation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from June 21, 2007

Minutes were approved, Cnare abstained as absent.

VI. DIRECTOR REPORT - 10 minutes

Schlenker added that Hausbeck assembled an advisory committee of key community members throughout the process of compiling the report card. Schlenker will be presenting this throughout the communities in Dane County to continue the dialogue. We are working on a public event with the Mayor and County Executive to link it to the signing of the IGA. The department now has our own logo and new e mail address; it is, first name.last name @publichealthmdc.com. Director has not met with the Mayor and County Executive on the 2008 budget. However, the Budget Committee has met and, on

their behalf, he and the chair wrote to the executives requesting that they extend the deadline to August 20. The final budget will be presented to the Board at their August 16 meeting. Major budget issues are the laboratory; funding for community agencies; and environmental health expansion and consolidation. Schneider attended a Lakes and Watershed committee meeting to give the public health perspective on handling lakes and rivers in the county. The manganese issue is behind us at considerable expense and our report on the incident has been submitted to the Journal of Environmental Health for publication. The conclusion is that there is and has not been any health threat to the public. A meeting was held with DHFS Director, Sheri Johnson to discuss infant mortality statistics and efforts, and key staff will be involved in research on this for 2-3 years. A recent pandemic exercise, attended by approximately 200, focused on schools and their role, and participants were very appreciative and enthusiastic about the quality of the exercise.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT - 5 minutes

There will be ongoing old business items on the agenda on labor negotiations and budget. We are still trying to schedule a meeting with Dean Golden, staff and Board members. Either Travis Myren or Jon Anderson will attend the September Board meeting to update members on MOU negotiations.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES - 10 minutes

A. Executive - Schwartzstein - No meeting held

B. Budget - Kostelic - Meeting Held July 27, 2007

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10. Update included in other reports.

C. Bylaws - No meeting held

D. Administrative Hearing - No hearings held

E. Personnel - Zahner - No meeting held

IX. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS - 10 minutes

A. National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) 2007 & 2008 Annual Meetings

The Chair received a letter from the NALBOH executive director inviting the Board to attend the annual meeting. Board members who had previously planned to attend have backed out, and he will attend as a representative of the local Board due to the 2008 meeting being located here.

B. Election of Second Vice Chair - ACTION Item

ACTION - Sonzogni/Cnare nominated Zahner, nominations closed on Kostelic/Kay motion, passed unanimously.

X. **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. 2008 Budget - DISCUSSION Item

David Caes presented the budget outline. The 2008 budget is combined for the merged department and offers somewhat of a challenge working within the City and County's different budget processes. In the capital budget, current requests are to replace lab

equipment, which is past its useful life, and consolidating the environmental health programs at one site. Future projects include piloting field-based devices for Public Health Nurses, public health offices at Harambee and a new facility at South Madison. Operating - New positions include one Humane Officer, one Sanitarian (cost offset with fee increase) and one Dietetic Specialist due to an increase in the WIC caseload. The target as of today, which may still be adjusted, is GPR of \$9,950,521 and a cut of \$391,000. Next year, efficiencies are new telephone system, new cell phone contract, combined insurance expense, and a few others. New charges are debt service, clerical pool, document services, treasurer services, etc. Fee for service contracts - The department wants to continue providing essential public health services and is considering removing these contracts completely from our budget. The funding of these contracts differs widely between the city and county. Schlenker emphasized the value of the lab now and for the future of the department. A handout was provided to show how revenue would be raised so that by 2012, it could break even. New revenue could be obtained from services expanded to Dane County; other public water utilities not monitored by public health, landfill testing, food testing, monitor swimming pools and private well testing.

B. Board Discussion on City Laboratory and Its Place in the Future Merged Public Health Madison Dane County - ACTION Item

The department intends to market the lab but would benefit from a more expansive view since there is no budget for this. It may be the lab would have to become part of the county bidding process. Schlenker explained that the lab provides more than just the testing, staff provide consulting. The IGA does allow for the city and county to contract for services with the department so no change is needed if the cost split to fund the lab is different than equalized valuation. This statement would be sent to the Mayor and County Executive. Zahner/Kostelic moved adoption of the language. Schwartzstein offered a friendly amendment in the fourth sentence - "the Director of Public Health Madison Dane County has recommended, and the Board concurs, with the lab plans to expand" its scope of practice to address the unmet needs of Dane County and to generate revenue to reduce its operating deficit. Zahner moved to amend the written language but with the following language: The Director of Public Health Madison Dane County and the Board recommend that the laboratory expand its scope of practice to... seconded by Sonzogni ACTION, passed as amended. Chair will draft a letter to executives with this statement.

C. Resolution to Double Fill - City - ACTION Item

To authorize a double-fill in a Public Health Nurse position from September 1, 2007 through March 1, 2008

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

Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES

D. Resolution to Increase 2007 Capital Budget - City - ACTION Item

Adjustment to 2007 Public Health Capital Budget.

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

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:23 p.m.