

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

July 24, 2008

4:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Wilcox, Chair, Lauren Cnare
MEMBER EXCUSED: Donna Vogel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jessica LeClair, Jennifer Weitzel, Susan Zahner, Thomas Schlenker, Patricia Frazak, Shannon Meier, Tommye Schneider, Pamela Abel, Brian Odegaard

Public Comment
None

2009 Budget Message from County Executive and Mayor

The 2009 budget target for the department is \$9,198,687. The community agency contracts were taken out and will be negotiated separately. The adjustment from the city is a 5% reduction and the county is 5.3%. This means a cut of approximately \$650,000. Caes brings to this meeting the same documents with the amounts adjusted.

The plan is as follows to make the revised budget cut:

1. Charge educational institutions fees for placing students in the department
2. Increase lab fees
3. Use more emergency preparedness grant funds to pay staff salaries
4. Develop proposal for monitoring and surveillance of lakes county-wide
5. Use the infant mortality grant to support existing staff
6. Evaluate lease agreements at Harambee and the Northport Office, which are now currently close to twice the market rate. Ask for renegotiation of lease terms. The Harambee lease expires in October 2010 and there is none at Northport.
7. Our dental contract with Access, in the amount of \$59,000, would be reduced to \$30,000. This would reduce the number of clients served.
8. Since the county requested a cut of .5FTE, we would cut ½ of a vacant clerical position. The main reception area would be moved from the City County Building to our East Washington Avenue site.
9. Increase the salary savings from 3 to 4% by not filling positions and asking managers to take voluntary leave.
10. Delay hiring of the Humane Officer until January 2010, which would affect our ability to maintain this service level.
11. Eliminate Well Child Clinics, which sees about 200 children per year. Staff time would be reallocated. Delay Public Health Nurse hire until January 2010.

The total of the above plan of fee increases and reductions is \$663,552.

Since negotiations with AFSCME have not been concluded, a handout was distributed approximating the cost of represented and non-represented staff moving to county employment. This approximate figure is between \$300,000 for wages and benefits. We have been told that

there is no money available to cover this cost and it will need to be absorbed in our budget. If that were the case, our revision would be closer to \$1,000,000. The department covered the cost of staff in SEIU who transferred to the county (\$55,000) and that amount will be in our base budget for 2009. If additional cuts were needed to fund the transition costs out of our budget, it would change the nature of our operations and likely result in layoffs.

Zahner/Cnare moved to support the revised document, as proposed by staff, to the 2009 budget, items 2-11, passed unanimously. Cnare moved to recommend support item 1 in the budget document, Wilcox and Cnare, aye votes, Zahner abstain. Cnare/Wilcox

Cnare/Wilcox moved recommendation to the Board of approval of suggested 2009 budget, passed unanimously.

Cnare/Zahner moved to adjourn at 5:23 p.m.