

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

Thursday, December 17, 2009

5:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

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

Excused: 2 -

Judith M. Wilcox and Lori Kay

OTHERS PRESENT: David Caes, Tommye Schneider, Janel Heinrich, Tom Schlenker,
Pamela Abel (recorder), Jeff Golden, John Hausbeck, Joe Grande

1.a. Welcome County Board Supervisor Denise Duranczyk and Introductions

The Chair welcomes Denise Duranczyk on behalf of the Board. She was appointed to the County Board on October 1, lives in Stoughton and is a Physical Therapist.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. FLUORIDATION POLICY REVIEW - ACTION - Motion to Reconsider and FINAL ACTION on Fluoridation Policy

Zahner summarized the fluoridation policy review to date. This began with a referral from the Water Board to review the policy drafted by the department. The Board began the review at their October meeting. A motion was made to take action, which may have been misleading to the public. The November meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. On this agenda there is a motion to reconsider and take final action on the policy. Board members have had adequate time to review materials on both sides of the issue. Cnare has a memorandum from City Attorney Mike May stating that under state statute and city ordinance the Water Board and Board of Health does have authority to act on the fluoride policy without Common Council approval.

3.a. [16240](#)

Fluoridation of Public Drinking Water Policy Statement - Public Health
Madison & Dane County

Attachments: [PHMDC Policy Statement Fluoridation of Public Drinking Water.pdf](#)

- 3.b. [15490](#) Review Current Policy of Fluoridating the Public Water Supply

Attachments: [Board of Health 10-15-2009 Meeting Minutes-Approved.pdf](#)
[Board of Health 12-17-2009 Meeting Minutes-Draft.pdf](#)
[Memo from City Attorney Regarding Authority to Fluoridate Water Supply.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Refer to the WATER UTILITY BOARD

The question was asked to board members on behalf of Bruce Rideout; would you add fluoride in water for your children/family? All Board members responded yes.

Joe Grande, Water Utility's Water Quality Manager, explained that city water gets treated with chlorine and fluoride. Madison is one of the most well studied systems for tracking chemicals. Grande distributed the Standard Operation Manual on water fluoridation, in final version.

NOTE - Public comment was heard BEFORE action was taken on the fluoride policy.

ACTION - Cnare/Lasky moved to reconsider and adopt the following:

"The Board of Health Madison and Dane County, based on the review of the body of accepted scientific research and conclusions by national and international bodies charged with ensuring and advancing public health and safety, and staff analysis of the safety and effectiveness of fluoridating the public water supply to promote dental health, adopts the policy developed by Public Health Madison and Dane County in January 2009. The Board further directs a review and report to the Board every five years to make necessary changes or re-affirm the policy

The Board further directs the Madison Water Utility to add, control and monitor fluoride in the public water supply within the US Environmental Protection Agency recommended range of 0.7 - 1.2 parts per million to maintain optimum levels for dental health.

The Board does not recommend the Madison Water Utility or Public Health Madison and Dane County issue health warnings to the general or special populations when fluoride levels are maintained at the recommended levels. The Board supports the Water Utility's public notification guidelines detailed in its standard operating procedure for fluoridation. These guidelines currently require notification whenever fluoride is detected in the distribution system at a level above 4 parts per million or if the running annual average at any entry point exceeds 2 parts per million."

Since there is no resolution or formalization of this activity, the above was drafted to memorialize this action. The Water Board will have a companion to adopt. The Board feels it is good to review the policy on occasion, since science never stops and every five years seems a reasonable period of time to review.

ACTION - The above policy/motion was adopted unanimously.

- 3.c. [16848](#) Water Fluoridation and Lead Toxicity

Attachments: [Water Fluoridation and Lead Toxicity 10 29 2009.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - 5 minutes per speaker

Bruce Rideout – At the October meeting, he provided materials to bring into doubt fluoridating the water. Putting the scientific issue aside, does anyone have the right to put a toxic chemical in water, without their permission. The patient should have the final say whether to ingest fluoride. By fluoridating the water, it gives no one a choice, and it is not fair, morale or politically correct.

Jeff Lafferty – He states that public health believes adding fluoride to the water is safe, effective and cost efficient. In response to the focus on adverse health outcomes, Lafferty responds they share a common theme which ignores social economic factors.

Susan Michetti – She represents citizens of Mount Horeb for pure water. The water fluoridation policy as a medication is a unique aberration. There is a mandate that no chemicals be added to drinking water, without FDA approval. We are drinking hazardous substances with fluoride in the water supply. The amount of major issues in the water fluoride policy statement is grossly omitting information of the opponents.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT - Susan Zahner - 5 minutes**

The department received a notice for the renewal of the Board NALBOH membership.
ACTION - Cnare/Duranczyk moved to approve, unanimous.

6. [16849](#) Director Report for December 17, 2009

Attachments: [Director Report 12 17 09.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

The department is immersed in the H1N1 vaccination process. Schlenker appreciates the work of staff. The vaccination is now available to everyone. Harambee is going through a transition period and the Board is deciding whether to continue to exist, although activities continue.

The strategic planning retreat will be rescheduled to a date in February and more information will be sent closer to that time. The statistics for infant mortality rates in 2008 across the board increased. Ten African American infants died in Dane County. We are reviewing infant deaths to see if it was a random occurrence or something else happened. We hope to do the same for 2009 and continue doing in real time.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION REPORT - Tommye Schneider - 15 minutes**

7.a. Presentation on Environmental Health Report Card

Refer to January meeting

Schneider reports this has expanded this time around and a big change was the addition of sustainability. The presentation was deferred to the January meeting.

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

Heinrich reports on H1N1 activities; we spent 5 days in schools vaccinating at total of 6,755 kids (about 50% of eligible); in 3 targeted mass clinics approximately 7,800 were immunized, last Saturday at EMS run clinics 1,500 were vaccinated for an approximate total of 20,000 in 2 months. Our intent is to return to school clinics January 19, 2010, although some are opting out. She is very proud of staff effort. We will vaccinate the general public at appointment only clinics. Home Health United and the American Red Cross were great resources for our mass clinics. The department continues to take perinatal referrals. Interviews begin soon for two Dietetic Technician positions for the WIC program. We have a new Public Health Nurse starting January 4.

9. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT - David Caes - 5 minutes

Caes recalls the fact that we are being asked to vacate the Northport Office so we are looking at an alternate facility. The space in the Atrium at Villager Mall may be an option.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES - 5 minutes

10. Executive - Zahner - No Report

11. Budget - Wilcox - No Report

12. Bylaws - Kay - No Report

13. Personnel - Lasky - Update

The committee would like to put forward a change in process for evaluation of the director. It was recommended that the written procedure come to the Board for approval. Lasky will do that in January.

13.a. [16621](#) Draft Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes October 15, 2009

Attachments: [Personnel Committee Minutes 10 15 09 Draft.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

NEW BUSINESS - 10 minutes

14. SAFE FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCESS FOR APPOINTING MEMBERS AND ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT

- 14.a. [16620](#) Approved Board of Health Resolution on the Safe Food Advisory Committee

Attachments: [Approved Board Resolution 2008-18 Safe Food Advisory Committee.pdf](#)

- 14.b. [16624](#) Submission of Appointment to the Safe Food Advisory Committee for Approval by the Board of Health

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A motion was made by Schwartzstein, seconded by Cnare, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

15. [16623](#) Proposed 2010 Board of Health Meeting Dates

Attachments: [2010 Proposed Board of Health Meeting Dates.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Discuss and continue

A suggestion was made to poll the entire Board to see if the 2nd or 4th Thursday would be more suitable for the meetings since the County Board Supervisor needs to leave early for County Board meetings. The January meeting will be held on January 21.

Board of Health Resolutions - ACTION

16. [16868](#) Board of Health Resolution #2009-20 for 2010 Public Health Grants and Contracts

Attachments: [2009 20 Board Resolution 2010 Public Health Grants and Contracts.pdf](#)

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

17. [16901](#) Board of Health Resolution #2009-21 Recognizing Charles Boehnen For 30 Years of Service

Attachments: [Board Resolution #2009-21 Recognizing Charles Boehnen For 30 Years of S](#)

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

Special Project - ACTION

18. [16899](#) Radon Program, Special Project 2009

Attachments: [Radon Program Special Project 2009.pdf](#)

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

Hausbeck reports that we get a small grant each year and with remaining funds and this year, they found a unique way to spend it. The state supports this.

City Common Council Resolutions - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

19. [16755](#) Commending, honoring, and expressing thanks to Nina Buske for her 42 years of dedicated service to the City of Madison, the Madison Department of Public Health, and to the newly merged Department, Public Health-Madison and Dane County
20. [16753](#) Commending Lyle Kleppe for his contributions to the City of Madison during his 57 years of service
21. [16774](#) Congratulating Tommye J. Schneider, Director of Environmental Health and Laboratories for Public Health Madison and Dane County on her retirement

Cnare/Lasky moved to recognize these long term staff.

22. **ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**