

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

Thursday, March 11, 2010

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility
119 E. Olin Avenue
Conference Room A&B
Madison WI 53713

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Lauren Cnare; Susan J. Zahner; Judith M. Wilcox; Lori Kay; William C. Sonzogni; Alan I. Schwartzstein and Denise Duranczyk

Excused: 1 -

Patricia A. Lasky

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Schlenker, Janel Heinrich, Tommye Schneider, Jeff Golden, Pamela Abel (recorder)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - 5 minutes per speaker - None

4. CHAIR'S REPORT - Susan Zahner - None

5. DIRECTOR REPORT - Tom Schlenker - 5 minutes

[17726](#)

Director Report March 11, 2010

Attachments: [Director Report March 11.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

Schlenker met with the Mayor who supports and will co-sponsor the resolution discussed at the last board meeting on using carry over funds to digitize septic system records. David Caes is organizing the approach and will check in with the Budget Committee to figure out logistics. This will require a 2/3 approval of Common Council and County Board.

Schlenker has reported previously on infant mortality improvement rates but in 2008 black infant mortality rates quadrupled from the previous year. In order to investigate infant mortality findings to discover what that means in a timely manner, he has a strategy to review records promptly in Dane County. There will be direct reports from Meriter, St. Mary's and UW Hospitals. In the past, records from the state take two years to organize and analyze but now we will have a contract with them to notify and transfer records to us immediately. The third method of notification is the Dane County Register of Deeds office. Several days ago an MOU was signed to allow the transfer of this information to Schlenker and Patricia Frazak will be assigned to troubleshoot. We can then gather more information on infant deaths by going to hospital records to see if patterns are developing, determine any urgent needs or if someone has fallen through a safety net and try to respond.

The Harambee Board has met recently to get feedback on the future of Harambee and what is needed in the community. The board will meet in April to decide on Harambee's, mission and goals, staffing and finances and the make-up of the board. Then in May, the board will present the decision to selected individuals and see if the model seems viable. Discussion followed on the role of the Board of Health in the Harambee Board discussion. Schlenker will convey to the Harambee Board that the Board of Health has interest in the outcome and would be available for input.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION REPORT - Tommye Schneider - 5 minutes

6.a. [17728](#) Safe Food Advisory Committee Minutes from November 12, 2009

Attachments: [Safe Food Advisory Committee Minutes 11-12-09.pdf](#)

This Miscellaneous was Accept

Schneider has recently been at the State Capitol to testify on a bill initiated by the Humane Society, which we support, to allow us to handle difficult impoundment cases. Two recently cases included pit bull impoundment costing around \$300,000 and another on birds used for cock fighting, costing around \$115,000 for impoundment. Animals do not do well penned up for long periods of time and money would be saved by having us handle these cases.

Schneider recently met with David Worzala to continue progress toward having the tri-annual maintenance fee placed on the property tax bill. This saves money over the long term as it eliminates one position. A public hearing will be held on this issue.

The Safe Food Advisory Committee last met on February 18 to continue the reworking of the achievement award programs, which recognizes restaurants who do well. Schneider nominated three of the original members of the committee and they were selected to receive a 2010 public health award.

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

Heinrich updated the board on Southwest Madison efforts, led by Kim Neuschel and Jessica LeClair, on violence prevention and community building. They have interviewed/surveyed various stakeholders in the community. Heinrich will ask them to attend an upcoming Board meeting to provide an update on their progress.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- 8. Executive - Zahner - No Report
- 9. Budget - Wilcox - No Report
- 10. Personnel - Lasky - No Report
- 11. Bylaws - Kay - No Report
- 12. Administrative Hearing - Kay - No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - 5 minutes

- 13. Strategic Planning Session Held February 15, 2010

Schlenker thanked those who attended. The management team will be taking the four key items and putting concrete goals/objectives in each area. They will then be presented to the Board in the next few months to continue the process.

NEW BUSINESS - 5 minutes

Common Council Resolution - ACTION Item

- 14. [17573](#) Authorizing the use of up to \$5,000 per year from the Catherine M. Corscot Trust to prevent the transmission of communicable disease.

A motion was made by Wilcox, seconded by Sonzogni, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 15. **ADJOURNMENT - Duranczyk/Wilcox moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.**