

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Board of Health
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m., 555 North Court Street
Winnebago County Health Department**

Present: Angie Goral, Ronald Gottschalk, Dr. John Halversen, Luci Hoover, Dr. Patricia Lewis, Dr. Steven Lidvall, Robert McCreath, Jaymie Nelson, James Powers, Dr. Allen Williams

Absent: Dr. David Helland

Staff Present: Cynthia Hall, Todd Kisner, Patrick Madigan, Todd Marshall, Dr. Sandra Martell, Kim Ponder

WCHD Support Staff: Sara Ruud (recorder)

Attorney: Charlotte LeClerc

President Ronald Gottschalk called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Introduction of Guests/Public Participation: Cynthia Hall was introduced to board of health as the new Director of Strategic Initiative.

Setting the Agenda: Ronald Gottschalk asked for a motion to set the agenda or amend. Dr. Allen Williams moved and Luci Hoover seconded to set the agenda, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Ronald Gottschalk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017, Board of Health meeting. Jaymie Nelson moved and Robert McCreath seconded to approve, with that, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Presentation: There was no presentation at the Board of Health Meeting

President's Report: NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is having a campaign to help fight stigma. The stigma is preventing individuals from getting treatment for mental illness. NAMI is asking for a \$10.00 donation to help fight the stigma. Dr. Martell asked the board to consider making a \$10.00 donation to NAMI. At this time the board will consider making the donation and the final vote will take place at the next board meeting on September 19, 2017.

Winnebago County Health Department Highlights:

The following program areas were highlighted for the month of July 2017 from the Administrator Report.

- Domain 2: West Nile Virus Surveillance, Rabies Investigations
Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) has set up nine (9) traps throughout the county. Through the end of July, the WCHD has collected 75 pools and there has been four (4) positive pools for the West Nile Virus but the WCHD has not had a positive bird. Clarke has started spraying for adult mosquitos. Clarke wasn't notifying the townships or the people in the townships before spraying nor were they supplying the public with safety data sheets (SDS).

Todd Marshall is working with Clarke to have them education the people and to supply the SDS.

There has been an increase in humans exposed to bats. This could possibly be due to the increase in mosquitos. With a bat exposure there is the potential for rabies. In the month of July there were six (6) potential cases of rabies. Five (5) of those cases involved bats and one (1) involved a raccoon in a Mexican zoo. Two (2) of the five (5) bat exposure scenarios, the people had to get rabies prophylaxis because the bat had been released or could not be found. In the other three (3) cases the bats were submitted for testing. The individual exposed to the raccoon received the prophylaxis due to an inability to verify the status of the animal.

- Domain 3: Food Code Education, Smoke-Free Illinois Act Compliance Checks, ATOD Communication Campaign

The state of Illinois has not been clear on what has been adopted from the FDA food code. They also want to change the form used for inspections. The forms will not come out until the end of this year or early next year. The state wants to keep the original adoption date of July 2018 but WCHD feels that date would be impossible to comply with. WCHD is not the only health department that would like to change the adoption date to January 1st, 2019. This would give the counties a chance to review the code changes and update their procedures.

The prevention specialist has done 28 compliance checks for the month July. She is also being proactive in educating individuals who open enclosed "beer gardens" and "smoking huts". This area is not clear in the Smoke Free Illinois Act (SFIA) and doesn't have firm rules on the height of the walls. As part of SFIA, individuals can call the hotline and WCHD is required to make a visit to check on the complaint.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) program is working on a communication plan for schools to educate kids on drugs and to encourage students not to use them as part of the All Stars Curriculum. The Tobacco Control Prevention Specialist and the ATOD Prevention Specialist are working on engaging youth in the development of a social norms campaign. There has been some interest expressed by Rockford Public Schools (RPS 205) and Harlem High Schools.

- Domain 4: Youth Advisory Council

The Chairman and the Mayor are looking to get some impute on the prevention program from young adults who have participated in them. A lot of committees reach out to same individuals with the same messages. The young adults could provide a better understanding of what they want to hear about and how to get the messages out. These individuals could provide information on how they receive messages and what social platforms are being used by their generation.

- Domain 5: July Flooding, Strategic Plan

With all the rain the County of Winnebago received in the month of July there intermittent flooding in some areas of Winnebago County. WCHD put out messages on what to do before the flood and what to do after the flooding. The Emergency Response Coordinator went out to some of the flooded areas that had community wells and offered assistance including potable