

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Board of Health
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m., 555 North Court Street
Winnebago County Health Department**

PRESENT: Angie Goral, Ronald Gottschalk, John Halversen, David Helland, Luci Hoover, James Powers, Allen Williams,

STAFF PRESENT: Kyle Auman, Sue Fuller, Todd Kisner, Patrick Madigan, Todd Marshall, Sandra Martell, and Attorney Charlotte LeClercq

President James Powers called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Powers welcomed Kathleen Ludikowski from University of Illinois at Chicago/Rockford Regional Campus faculty member who introduced Amy Crews and Nicole Crull who will be presenting this evening.

SETTING THE AGENDA: President James Powers asked for a motion to set the agenda with an addition of a Proposed Fee Schedule for Vital Records. John Halversen moved and Ronald Gottschalk seconded to set the agenda as adapted with the addition, all members voted aye, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President James Powers asked for a motion to approve the minutes, with a correction of who motioned to adjourn the meeting and that was Luci Hoover. Ronald Gottschalk moved and Angie Goral seconded to approve the January 20, 2015 Board of Health Minutes with corrections. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

PRESENTATION: *Rockford Reversal Project: A Community Naloxone Distribution Program* – University of Illinois at Chicago/Rockford Regional Campus – College of Nursing Catherine Chung RN, Amy Crews RN, Nicole Crull RN, and Pamela Garcia, RN – Faculty Kathleen Ludikowski, MS, PPCNP, PMHNP, APNP. Dr. Martell provided some background information about the group who will be presenting this evening and they have been working on this project over the fall semester and are now presenting to the Board with their findings and the importance of the use of Naloxone in the community.

A community assessment has identified a steady increase in opioid overdose mortality cases within Winnebago County in the last 5 years. Just since January of 2015, there have been 11 deaths related to opioid overdoses. Since this increase, there has been an increased need for a naloxone distribution program within the community. There are several training sites throughout the community so that people may learn how to administer the medicine to a person in need and the signs to look for in a person who has overdosed.

Some recommendations would be to have a policy development committee, obtain funding to support the project by applying for grants to be able to provide the training and supply kits to high risk individuals and/or family members and friends of persons who are known drug users and provide them with the capability to save their loved ones