

Winnebago County Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m., 555 North Court Street
Winnebago County Health Department

PRESENT: Angie Goral, Ronald Gottschalk, Dr. John Halversen, Dr. David Helland, Luci Hoover, Dr. Patricia Lewis, Dr. Steven Lidvall, James Powers, Dr. Allen Williams

ABSENT: Inara McGroarty, Daniel Saavedra, and Ann Thompson-Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bacon, Judy Box-Brown, Dee Dunnett, Lisa Gonzalez, Steve Guedet, Todd Kisner, Attorney Charlotte LeClercq, and Larry Swacina

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Specht (owner of 11577 Old River Road, Rockton, IL).

Vice-President Steven Lidvall called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m.

SETTING THE AGENDA: Vice-President Steven Lidvall called for a motion to set the July 17 agenda. A request was made to conduct Policy Committee business after approval of the minutes. Dr. Helland moved and Dr. Lewis seconded to set the agenda as requested moving the Policy Committee business to after approval of the minutes. All members voting aye, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: (see others present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Powers moved and Dr. Williams seconded to approve the Board of Health minutes of June 19, 2012 as presented. All members voted aye, motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Larry Didier, WCHD's Tobacco Prevention/Cessation Coordinator, presented an overview on the issue of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and the enforcement of the Smoke-Free Illinois Act activities. The FDA has not evaluated e-cigarette for safety or effectiveness. The number of reported violations of the Smoke-Free Illinois law and inspections were down in 2011, but began to pick up slightly in 2012. Nearly all reported violations were responded to and owners/managers agreeing to make their locations compliant. Mr. Didier commented on two continuing cases in violation of the Act.

ADMINISTRATOR / CENTER REPORTS: Center reports were included in the Board packet.

Dee Dunnett provided an update on a probable measles case in the community.

Larry reported that three birds have tested positive for WNV. The birds still need to be confirmed by the State, but staff are confident that at least one or more will test positive. A press release will go out regarding this.

FINANCE COMMITTEE..... The Finance Committee did not have a separate Committee meeting this month; therefore the following Finance business was conducted at the full Board meeting, with Dr. Lidvall chairing this part of the meeting.

1. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Various financial reports for the month of June 2012 were presented, reviewed and referred for audit.

Dr. Lidvall moved and Jim Powers seconded for approval of the health fund expenditures for the month of June 2012 as follows:

Health Fund..... \$342,775.48

All members voted aye, motion carried.

Dr. Lidvall moved and Luci Hoover seconded for approval of the grant fund expenditures for the month of June 2012 as follows:

Grant Fund.....\$679,511.78

All members voted aye, motion carried.

3. EXPENDITURE REQUEST: NICOTINE REPLACEMENT PRODUCTS

Dr. Lidvall moved and Dr. Lewis seconded to approve the expenditure of \$10,016.40 for nicotine replacement products for the smoking cessation program. This item was budgeted for in the contractual category, but the State has approved the funds to be moved from contractual to the supply category for nicotine replacement products. After discussion and questions, all members voted aye to approve the expenditure as presented, motion carried.

4. ALL KIDS APPLICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The Illinois General Assembly and Governor agreed to cut spending for the Medicaid and All Kids Programs by about 10% beginning July 1, 2012. As part of these cuts, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services fiscal year 2013 budget does not include funds for Technical Assistance Payments to All Kids Application Agents. Therefore, the agreement with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services All Kids Application Assistance program presented to the Health Department does not include Technical Assistance Payment. The Department feels that although no reimbursement will be receive for providing assistance to clients in enrolling and completing the All Kids application, the reimbursement for services through Medicaid will be beneficial. Mr. Bacon commented that Attorney Charlotte LeClercq has reviewed the agreement and provided her thoughts (she had four observations) and these comments will be taken into account before signing the agreement. After discussion, Dr. Lidvall moved and Dr. Helland seconded to accept the All Kids Application Assistance Program agreement provided that the items identified by the State's Attorney are addressed. All members voted aye, motion carried.

5. GRANT RENEWALS:

a. IDHS Community Services Grant Renewals

Dr. Lidvall commented that the Department has received ten IDHS Community Services grants for renewal (six are stable funding, three are decreased and one is increased in funding). The Targeted Intensive Prenatal Care Case Management (TIPCM) and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder grants were not funded for the 2013 grant year. Overall the Community Services grant funds are approximately 6% lower than last year (primarily because of the two programs that were not funded). The Board questions how the Department will address the reduction in revenue. The Department forecasted a decrease in funding and budgeted so. The Addiction Prevention Comprehensive decrease was not expected so adjustments will need to be made in that program. It is the hope of WCHD to continue the TIPCM program at some level since it does make a different in terms of birth outcomes to high risk moms. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder grant was a time-limited program so the Department was aware that it would no longer be funded in 2013. Mr. Bacon commented that the Department should be able to sustain the reduction in revenue without impacting the balanced budget by the end of year.

Dr. Lidvall moved and Angie Goral seconded to accept the IDHS 2013 Community Services Grants as listed (*Supplement Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Primary, Illinois Subsequent Pregnancy Prevention Project, Family Planning Services, Breastfeeding Peer Counseling, Family Case Management-Downstate, School Health Centers, Healthy Child Care Illinois, Refugee Health Program, Addiction Prevention Comprehensive*). After further discussion with staff answering questions, all members voted aye, motion carried.

b. IDPH Local Health Protection Grant Renewal

Dr. Lidvall moved and Dr. Halversen seconded to approve the renewal of the Local Health Protection Grant in the amount of \$425,334 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) with all members voting aye, motion carried. This grant is level funding from last year.

c. DCFS HealthWorks Renewal

Dr. Lidvall moved and Jim Powers seconded to approve the DCFS HealthWorks agreement renewal in the amount of \$153,533 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). All members voted aye, motion carried. This grant is level funding from last year

d. IDPH Summer Food Program Renewal

Dr. Lidvall moved and Dr. Halversen seconded to approve the Summer Food Grant Program renewal in the amount of \$3,300. All members voted aye, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP) AMENDMENT

Dr. Lidvall moved and Dr. Lewis seconded to approve the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Amendment increasing the grant from \$171,954 to \$191,954 (\$20,000 increase) effective August 1, 2012. All members voted aye, motion carried.

7. MATERNAL INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING FEDERAL GRANTS (Info Only - MIECHVP Home Visiting & MIECHVP Community Development Enhancement)

Mr. Bacon commented that in an attempt to align the MIECHVP grants with the federal fiscal year instead of the State fiscal year, IDHS had prorated WCHD funding. WCHD has now received notification that the remaining funds will be granted to the Department. WCHD will receive \$72,060.35 for the MIECHVP Home Visiting Program and \$80,000 for MIECHVP Community Development Enhancement Program. (Info Only – no vote required)

POLICY COMMITTEE BUSINESS.....No Meeting

VARIANCE REQUEST: 11577 Old River Road, Rockton, IL (follow up from May 8, Policy Committee Meeting and May 15, 2012 BOH Meeting)

As a follow up to the May 8, 2012 Policy Committee meeting and BOH meeting on May 15, Todd Marshall, WCHD’s Pollution Control Supervisor, discussed the septic variance request for the property at 11577 Old River Road (Rockton, IL). Due to the financial burden of connecting to public sewer the property owners (Troy and Heather Specht) are requesting to install a septic system. At the May 8 Policy Committee meeting the variance was tabled for a period not to exceed 60 days in order to obtain additional information and alternative options.

Mr. Marshall explained the finding since the Policy meeting and due to the financial burden in connecting to public sewer from the frontage road or to a sewer main to the north, the Environmental Health staff recommends approval for a septic system installation based on the soil boring results performed on June 21, 2012. The findings indicate a shallow septic system with pre-treatment (Aerobic Treatment Unit) would be required to overcome the soil limitations on the property. The owners understand that a maintenance agreement with a licensed provider would be required for the life of the system to ensure the unit is in working

compliance. Every six months the system will be serviced and all findings are required to be submitted to the Health Department. This maintenance agreement will be recorded on the property deed.

Dr. Lewis moved and Luci Hoover seconded to take the variance request off the table, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion and questions from the Board, Dr. Williams move and Ron Gottschalk seconded to approve the variance request as presented based on WCHD’s Environmental Health Center presented recommendations. Members voted aye, Dr. Halversen abstained, motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: Various materials were included in the Board packet for information purposes.

Dr. Williams was pictured in an article in the Register Star along with SwedishAmerican Health System’s comments on the impact of the Affordable Care Act in the health care industry.

Mr. Bacon commented on the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium IPLAN priority summary (compilation of all of the community health improvement plans from the nine counties that make up the NIPHC) that was included in the Board packets. This summary was provided by an EPI graduate student of the School of Public Health in Chicago as a project for NIPHC. The Consortium is looking for two or three common themes across the jurisdiction to collectively focus on and share resources.

The Board discussed the transitional strategy for Singer’s closing, which is to take place at the end of October. The State has recognized that the emergency room approach is inappropriate and a much more thought-out care system needs to be in place. Rosecrance has outlined the framework for this approach. The County Mental Health Advisory Committee supports Rosecrance’s initiative regarding this. The State has agreed to share the dollars that goes towards supporting the Singer operation with the community that is absorbing the impact of the closing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

There being no further business, Jim Powers moved, Angie Goral seconded and all voted aye to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Health August 21, 2012
DATE

James Powers, Secretary
Winnebago County Board of Health