

MINUTES
Goodhue County Public Health Service
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2007
1:00 p.m.
Red Wing, MN 55066

Members Present: Commissioners Jim Bryant, Dan Rehtzigel, Richard Samuelson, & Ted Seifert

Others Present: Karen Main, Sue Morgan, Stacy Thuman

I. Call to Order

Public Health Director Karen Main called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. in the

II. Ms. Main asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There are none.

III. Election of Officers

Ms. Main called for nominations for the 2007 Public Health Board Chairman.

C/Bryant nominated C/Rehtzigel, seconded by C/Samuelson for 2007 Public Health Chair.

Ms. Main asked for other nominations for Public Health Board Chair

Ms Main asked if there were any other nominations, being done asked for a motion to close nominations for the 2007 Public Health Board Chair.

Motion by C/ Seifert, second by C/Bryant, motion carried to close nominations for the 2007 Public Health Board Chair and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Rehtzigel as Public Health Board Chair.

At this point, C/Rehtzigel resumed the Chairmanship and conducted the Board meeting.

C/Rehtzigel called for nominations for the vice-chair of the Public Health Board for 2007

Nomination made by C/Seifert to nominate C/Bryant as Vice-Chair for 2007.

C/Rehtzigel called for any other nominations, and again called for any other nominations, being none asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion by C/ Samuelson, second by C/Seifert, motion carried to close nominations for the 2007 Public Health Board Vice-Chair and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Bryant as Public Health Board Vice-Chair.

C/Rehtzigel called for nominations for secretary of the Public Health Board for 2007.

Nomination made by C/Bryant to nominate C/Samuelson as Secretary of Public Health Board for 2007.

Motion by C/Bryant, second by C/Seifert, motion carried to close nominations for the 2007 Public Health Board Secretary and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Samuelson as Secretary of the Public Health Board.

C/Bryant will be serving on the Public Health Advisory Committee; all other committee appointments will stand as is.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Samuelsen, carried to approve the amended agenda for January 16th, 2007.

C/Bryant added a discussion under new business regarding smoking.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by C/Samuelsen, seconded by C/Seifert, carried to approve the minute from December 19th, 2006, Public Health Board.

V. Consent Agenda

No Items

VI. Review of Financial Reports

No report

VII. Administrative Reports

A) Director of Public Health

Ms. Main expanded on the United Way, they are moving to community impact program, right now they are looking for 2 out county people to serve on the United Way Board. It is no longer just the Red Wing area, includes northern Wabasha, eastern Pierce County and all of Goodhue County.

C. Bryant questioned the make of the committee and how often they meet? Ms. Main indicated that they are a governing board and they meet about 10 times a year. They do their fundraising in the fall and the allocations in the spring. The idea is to set some community wide priorities and start allocating money to meet needs and measurements. Ms. Main stated that she has been on the Board for 3 years and is excited about it. Meetings are typically held at the old hospital in Red Wing and there are 16 members on the Board. Ms. Main offered for any interested they could talk with her about it.

B) Director for Nursing Report

Ms. Morgan indicated that she had nothing to add to her report.

C) Healthy Communities Report

Ms. Brace-Adkins indicated that she had nothing to add to her report.

D) Environmental Health Report

Mr. Petersen updated regarding the study from the Southeastern Water Resource Board. Received copies of the grant and included that in the Board packet hopefully it answered any questions that the Board had.

C/Samuelsen stated that the Cannon River Watershed Partnership's goal is to find out about water from the un-sewered communities. Commissioner questioned if there was any merit in that? Mr. Petersen stated that he has not followed a lot of the surface monitoring. Mr. Petersen stated that they are trying to look at the level of impairment of the stream, as far as the cause of it all, may require an entirely new study. Mr. Petersen stated that initially they were going to come to the County and ask for money for the lab testing, when talking with Beau Kennedy he said that they were not asking for any assistance from the County other than some in-kind services from Beau Kennedy or come to us for information regarding our filing system, etc. They were not coming to the County looking for any funds.

Ms. Hanni stated that there is a lot of confusion about this, Winona State who is their consultant is working on the same project, getting information from Soil and Water, who signed an in-kind agreement with them, who then gave them our data. They had questions about Goodhue County data, a resolution was passed by Soil and Water saying that they would provide in-kind service, but are providing Goodhue County information. In the process of getting this all straightened out.

C/Samuelson suggested that Ms. Hanni and Mr. Petersen talk with the Cannon River Watershed Partnership about this.

VII. Old Business

KIDS Handle with Care Program

Ms. Main stated that she has completed a preliminary evaluation of the KIDS Handle with Care Program and there are some issues that have to do with the structure and is now requesting that a third party give us some advice on it, asking that Bill Joynes be brought in to review the report and the program and give us advice for the appropriate structure.

C/Seifert questioned Ms. Main if she had talked with Mr. Joynes about this? Ms. Main stated that she asked him if he would be available if this approved. C/Seifert stated that we need to put a little bit of distance between someone who is going to evaluate the program.

Motion by C/Seifert, C/Samuelson second, motion carried unanimously to hire a consultant to come in and give us a read on the program, leave finding the consultant up to Mr. Arneson.

C/Bryant questioned the timeframe. Ms. Main and Mr. Arneson indicated that they would do their best to stay into the same timeframe.

Ann Wildenborg, a KIDS Handle with Care Committee member, gave some points regarding the KIDS Program.

C/Rechtzigel stated that this consultant could provide the board with different options, whatever they may be, part of it is to have somebody from the outside who has been completely away from the issue to come in and look at the goals of the program and see where it can fit.

C/Seifert stated that the KIDS Handle with Care Program has been a very important program in Goodhue County and hoped that through this process they could get back on track so that the resources and the classes are available to the community, back where we are benefiting our constituents.

Brad Nord, KIDS Handle with Care Committee member gave various comments regarding the program.

C/Seifert commented that we only want to make this decision one more time and have it work this time, an outside look at all of the aspects is important.

VIII. New Business

C/Bryant stated that he had an email from someone visits the Justice Center frequently, which he forwarded to Ms. Main. This person was concerned that walking into our government buildings with people smoking at the entrances. C/Bryant felt that any type of smoking changes/restrictions should come from Public Health staff to the Public Health Board, if it is a hazard to our staff and or visitors to our buildings making a slight adjustment or a different location may start the process in getting people corrected in their habits. C/Bryant would like to see a report back at the next meeting as to ideas and suggestions, other County's as examples that have smoking restrictions, etc.

Ms. Main stated that is a major priority and they would be happy to bring something back to the Board.

IX. Committee Reports

Advisory Committee – Met in January. Almost everyone in attendance, discussion was in reference to Care Coordination Program.

South Country Health Alliance – Had annual reorganization meeting which included the Region 5 County Commissioners, which are now part of the joint powers board. 14 counties total. C/Seifert was elected vice-chair. Goodhue County has brought back home more dollars than any of the other Counties, principally because Ms. Main and Mr. Schoener got the teams hired and they are out there visiting the most vulnerable citizens. \$400,000 back to Goodhue County.

SCHS Advisory Committee – Met in December.

EMS Board – C/Samuelson stated that they are doing fine although they continue to have budget problems, seatbelt revenue is not coming as expected or as it has been in the past. The plan is to go before legislature for concrete funding. Doing a lot of training for first responders.

X. Other

A) Approval of Disbursements

December 15th, 2006 – January 5th, 2007 totaling \$64,505.24

Motion by C/Bryant, second by C/Seifert, motion carried to approve the above listed disbursements.

C/Bryant suggested that if there is a Committee of the Whole in February that the smoking discussion be held then.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by C/Bryant, second by C/Seifert, motion carried to adjourn the Public Health Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Samuelson
Secretary

Karen Main
Director of Public Health