

MINUTES
Goodhue County Public Health Service
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
10:45 a.m.
County Board Room
Red Wing, MN 55066

Members Present: Commissioners Ron Allen, Jim Bryant, Dan Rechtzigel, Richard Samuelson, & Ted Seifert

Others Present: Karen Main, Sue Morgan, Jason Petersen, Kristine Holst

I. Call to Order

Chair, Jim Bryant called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. in the Goodhue County Board Room.

II. C/Bryant asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There were none.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Seifert, carried to approve the agenda for April 19th, 2005.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Bryant, carried to approve the minutes of the March 15th, 2005 as presented.

V. Consent Agenda

No Items

VI. Review of Financial Reports

Ms. Holst stated that it is a positive expense variance and not a negative expense variance as the wording indicates on the handout.

Positive revenue variance	\$5,625
Positive Expense Variance	\$34,326
Net Positive Variance YTD	\$39,951

VII. Administrative Reports

A) Director of Public Health – Karen Main

Ms. Main updated the Board on the status of the State Smoking Ban, stating that it is pretty much dead and it will probably not even get to the floor. Some of the ordinances that went into effect on March 31, 2005 have filed for an injunction and a judge ruled against them. Ms. Main referenced a Harvard study that reviewed 2nd hand smoke, etc. and commented that it was very interesting reading material. Commissioners requested a copy of this material.

C/Samuelson questioned what the next step is for Goodhue County? Ms. Main stated that Public Health has applied for a MPAAT grant and if received we could get a person out in the County to talk and educate about 2nd hand smoking; and then discuss the possibility of a County wide ordinance, Ms. Main stated that we are moving, but are moving slowly.

C/Bryant stated that he heard that North Dakota is voting on a statewide smoking ban, it is getting closer, Ms. Main stated that 6 states are smoke-free; C/Bryant stated that he likes the idea of moving ahead slowly and getting the community informed and involved. C/Rechtzigel commented that if smoke-free increases business; it will become the natural thing to have a smoke-free establishment.

Ms. Main requested that the Board of Health adopt the proposed resolution pertaining to the 5 year county health priorities. These priorities are areas that PHS will be focused on for the next five years; Greg Schoener and Social Services will be working with Public Health on some of the things, for example mental health. Susan Brace-Adkins is currently working on forming and coordinating work groups.

C/Rechtzigel questioned what can we do about prescription drugs? Ms. Main stated that some of the communities have set up buying co-ops, and others are looking at all of the options, etc. C/Bryant stated that is a concern that he raised and would like to see the elderly population become better educated, etc. C/Samuelson stated that what is important is that they are living with a lower income, and most are eligible for a card, and they don't know about it; Ms. Morgan stated that Medicare is available and Three Rivers is working to continue the outreach. C/Seifert stated that the resolution is a Herculean pass and a lot of effort went into it and it is all valid information.

Motion by C/Seifert, second by C/Samuelson, carried unanimously to adopt the proposed resolution relating to five year County Health Priorities.

C/Rechtzigel cautioned the commitment to the priorities and if we would get trapped into a situation, possibly committing to a smoke-free ordinance, also urged that staff does not forget about the other issues, and to not get focused on specifics.

A Resolution Relating to Five Year County Health Priorities

Recommended to the Goodhue County Board of Public Health by the Director of Public Health and the Administrative Team

April 19, 2005

Whereas: The County Health Council has completed an extensive needs assessment collecting and reviewing both qualitative and quantitative data; and,

Whereas: More than 1700 households were involved in some phase of the assessment; and

Whereas: Members of the Goodhue County Board of Public Health were involved in the process; and,

Whereas: the County Health Council has defined 6 priorities for all health-related agencies in the County to pursue over the next five years; therefore,

The Goodhue County Board of Health adopts the following priorities to guide the work of the Goodhue County Public Health Service over the next five years:

Healthy Life Style Choices and Wellness

Alcohol and Drug Use

Smoke Free Ordinance

Prescription Drug Issues

Health Insurance Issues

Mental Health Issues

B) Director for Nursing Report – Sue Morgan

South Country Health Alliance (SCHA):

- Staff has been informed that on June 1, 2005; implementation of Minnesota Senior Care will begin. This will affect us in various ways. It means that the majority of the Medical Assistance population over age 65 will now be managed by SCHA. This will change the way services are authorized. It will also require that 2 person screenings be done by a public health nurse along with a social services staff member. In addition, a new health screening, called a Pra-Plus, will be sent out to all these new members now and annually. Our new CRMT, Christy Boyer, will be required to follow-up directly with the members to assist them with any concerns or to direct them to necessary resources. This is only one part of her new position.
- Coming in the fall of this year, will be Minnesota Senior Health Options, or MSHO. This program combines the Medical Assistance dollars along with the Medicare dollars. We do not have details yet on how SCHA plans to administer this program, but it should be advantageous for the clients we work with. We hope to have more options available under this new program.
- C/Bryant stated that he and staff visited the Lake City Hospital and had a good meeting, which opened up some different opportunities; the meeting emphasized how weak the County is on smoking cessations.
- C/Seifert questioned the 2 person screening process, one person at PHS and one at Social Services, Ms. Morgan stated that the process is going back to what the State used to do; so that the best recommendation is made for the services that the client may benefit from. C/Seifert pointed out that South Country Health Alliance has funded both of those positions.

Students:

- You all should have received your invitation to the May 4th presentation by our U of M students. After working with them over these past few months, we are excited to see the results!

HIPAA:

- Training has been done for our employees, and we are now in the end stages of completing the policies to be compliant with the Security Rule.

WIC:

- Bea Haines, PHN, who manages the Women, Infants & Children program, recently received a satisfactory survey from MDH. They were impressed with the numbers of clients they provide services to, which has been exceeding 900 the past several months!

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- Ms. Main indicated that the nurses that work out in the County have been having a hard time downloading clients, etc. when they are working outside the office. Greg Schoener is willing to share space in the Cannon Falls satellite office, this will give the Public Health nurses access to get into the network and download clients much easier. C/Rechtzigel stated that there is a building in Wanamingo that would be available for rent and the criteria to meet is that it needs to be used for Community Health, if PHS wanted to put services/satellites out county, he would suggest working with the City of Wanamingo.
- C/Seifert questioned if the Cannon Falls Hospital is trying to affiliate with a bigger organization. Ms. Main stated that they sent our RFP's to 6 organizations to become affiliated.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Administrative/Finance Committee

No meeting has been held since the last Board meeting.

B. PHS Advisory Committee – Ron Allen

Ms. Main reported that they met last Thursday; most members were able to attend. C/Allen was not able to attend. The committee reviewed informal annual report that was presented to the Board and worked to help identify people for the special projects that will begin under the health priorities.

C. South Country Health Alliance – Ted Seifert

C/Seifert reported that they have relocated because they need more space; 6 people in the office and are currently in the process middle of moving. Ms. Main suggested that a visit from Marian Brand t be scheduled for an upcoming Committee of the Whole.

D. SCHSAC – Ted Seifert
Meeting next week.

E. S.E. EMS Committee – Richard Samuelson

- Attended the meeting; seat belt revenue keeps coming in.
- Discussion about small communities and the efforts to fulfill ambulance staff; they have to renew licenses, and continue to increase the responsibilities; they do a lot of good for the communities, and the discussion revolved around do what we can for them. C/Samuelson stated that if all of the Sheriff cars could have defibrators in them it would be great.

C/Rechtzigel questioned Mr. Petersen about low interest loans for updating septic systems; Mr. Petersen stated that Beau Kennedy from Soil and Water is operating the program. C/Samuelson questioned if it was the revolving loan, Mr. Petersen stated that it was.

XII. Other

A) Approval of Disbursements

totaling \$52,197.30 from March 11th, 2005 through April 8th, 2005

C/Rechtzigel move, C/Allen second, motion carried to approve the above listed disbursements.

XIII. Adjournment

C/Seifert move, C/Rechtzigel second to adjourn the Public Health Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Samuelson
Secretary

Karen Main
Director of Public Health