

Meeting of the
BOARD OF HEALTH

August 24, 2010

5:30pm

PRESENT: Philip Wegmann, DDS; Ivan Farness; Dwight Nelson; Grant Loy;
Margaret Ruf;

Jeffery A. Kindrai, RS, MSPH; Bob Middendorf, Queen B Radio

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Margaret Ruf, Chair.

CHANGES IN AGENDA: A closed session was not needed. Ivan Farness made a motion to approve the agenda with the change, second by Grant Loy. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (7/27/10), second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

VOUCHERS: Grant Loy made a motion to approve the vouchers totaling \$144,023.78, second by Philip Wegmann, DDS. Carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the July Monthly Financial Report, second by Philip Wegmann, DDS. Carried.

LOAN CLOSET FINANCIAL REPORT: Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the Loan Closet Financial Report, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

SEMINAR AND TRAINING UPDATE: Philip Wegmann, DDS made a motion to approve the Seminar and Training Report, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

SHINGLES VACCINE: The shingles vaccine costs between \$150.00 to \$200.00 per dose and may have to be purchased in 10-single dose packages. If it was provided by the Health Department we would have to have our own medical orders, policies, and procedures. We would also not be protected by the State indemnification.

Senior Care does not cover the cost of the immunization. Other plans vary from no coverage or up to \$110.00 deductibles to full coverage. Bohlman Drugs offers the immunization at \$205.00/shot. The Health Department could not likely offer a better price. We are waiting on information if our liability/malpractice insurance would cover us if we gave it. The information will be shared with Dr. Maski and presented at the next meeting.

RATE/PRICE CHANGES: Prices on the seasonal flu shot, pneumonia shot, high-dose seasonal flu shot, and Home Health RN visit rates we discussed. Margaret stated that she felt that our prices on flu and pneumonia shots should ultimately be raised to the maximum Medicare reimbursement rate to take advantage of the full reimbursement. Some discussion occurred regarding how this may affect access for those not covered by Medicare. Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve accepting the price increases as follows; Seasonal flu shot \$27.00, High dose flu shot (if approved by Dr. Maski to administer) \$40.00, Pneumonia \$48.00, and the Home Health RN Visit rate \$140.00, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

SEPTEMBER BOH MEETING DATE CHANGE: In order to give the Finance Director more time to incorporate the Health Department budget into the full County budget a request was made to hold the next Board meeting a week earlier. It was determined that the new meeting time would be stated at adjournment.

GRANT APPLICATIONS: No applications were presented. However, discussion regarding two letters of support provided for grants being applied for by Grant Regional Health Center occurred. One grant was for health care workforce development and was targeted at 7th graders. The second grant was for a colorectal cancer screening event. Grant County's mortality rate with associated cancers was found to be more than 30% higher than the State average in 2008 according to State data.

CLOSED SESSION UNDER 19.85(1)(C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Removed

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Some discussion occurred about a 2009 outbreak associated with raw milk in WI. There were 39 confirmed cases and 12 probable case of campylobacter infection.
- The generator installation has begun.
- The 918 Union was not satisfied with the third hand smoke policy. They are currently recommending revisions and would like them to be presented to the Board in September for consideration
- The Health Department is beginning to receive flu vaccine. We will discuss clinic dates on August 27, 2010 at our next RN in-service.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-No report

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No comments.

ADJOURN: Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

Next meeting will be September 21st 2010 at 5:30 pm with the possibility of a brief adjournment for a special County Board meeting if one is held.

Respectfully Submitted,

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Dwight Nelson, Secretary