

Grant County Board of Health

September 28, 2011

5:30pm

PRESENT: Margaret Ruf; Dwight Nelson; Vern Lewison; Ivan Farness; Grant Loy; Mary Kay Logemann; Jeff Kindrai; Mary Rasmussen

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

OPEN MEETING LAW: Verification of open meeting posting completed.

CHANGES IN AGENDA: No Closed Session and Return to Open Session are needed. Grant Loy made a motion to approve the changes in the agenda, second by Mary Kay Logemann. Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings: 7/26/2011; 8/23/2011 and 8/30/2011, second by Grant Loy. Carried.

VOUCHERS: Vouchers were reviewed for July totaling \$43,666.43 and August totaling \$43,621.02.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Monthly reports for July and August reviewed.

LOAN CLOSET FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Loan Closet Financial Reports were reviewed.

Vern Lewison made a motion to approve the Vouchers, Monthly Financial Reports and Loan Closet Financial Reports for July and August, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

SEMINARS AND TRAINING REPORT: Mary Kay Logemann made a motion to approve the Seminar and Training Report for August, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

ON CALL POLICY: Dwight Nelson made a motion to recommend approving the change to oncall policy, second by Ivan Farness. Carried.

HOSPICE MEDICATIONS: A discussion regarding Hospice pharmacy contracts occurred. Hospice will spend approximately \$80,000 in medication for 2011 and managing multiple contracts and bills has become cumbersome. The current average cost of medication is near \$20 per day per patient. We are currently exploring various options with hospice pharmacy benefit providers. It is anticipated that drug costs can be cut by 20-50% if changes are made. The Department will continue to explore and discuss pharmacy options to see if switching over is feasible and if it will indeed result in a cost savings.

GRANT APPLICATIONS: A motion to approve applying for grant for First Breath for the tobacco program for total of approximately \$1,836 was made by Ivan Farness, second by Grant Loy. Carried.

Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve applying for grant through Diamond Joe Casino for \$1500 to \$2000 for speaker for the Plunge event for 2012, second by Grant Loy. Carried.

2012 BUDGET UPDATE: Ivan Farness made a motion to approve the amended the 2012 budget, second by Mary Kay Logemann. Carried.

STAFFING REQUESTS AND UPDATES: WIC Dietitian has resigned to take a job in Madison which is much closer to his home. A request to refill the position was made. Ivan Farness made a motion to approve filling WIC Director Position, second by Dwight Nelson. Carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT – Jeffery A. Kindrai, MSPH, RS

- An update national profile of health departments was shared.
- The department is completing evaluations on all staff.
- An all staff in-service is scheduled for 9/30/11.
- A discussion regarding communicable diseases in Grant County occurred. The Department investigated 9 cases of e coli this year. The Department has followed up on 191 reports of communicable diseases to date this year.
- On October 3rd, the Department will be talking to Ag Committee about a veterinarian bill that animal owner did not pay. Dog license fees can be used to cover this cost if it is approved.
- The 2011-2012 schedule of influenza clinics offered by the Department has been released. Over seventy-seven clinics have been scheduled including WIC and immunization clinics.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary J Rasmussen, RN, BSN

- The Home Nursing Program has seen an increase in insurance cases. This requires more time in authorizing care and reviewing contracts.

ADJOURN: Grant Loy made a motion to adjourn, second by Vern Lewison. Carried.

Next meeting will be November 29th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Dwight Nelson, Secretary