

Grant County Board of Health
November 27, 2012
5:00pm

PRESENT: Dwight Nelson; John Beinborn; Vern Lewison; Carol Beals; Mary Kay Logemann; Larry Wolf; Jeff Kindrai; Mary Rasmussen.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order.

OPEN MEETING LAW: Meeting in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

CHANGES IN AGENDA: John Beinborn made a motion to approve agenda with no changes, second by Vern Lewison. Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Vern Lewison made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25th meeting as presented, second by John Beinborn. Carried.

VOUCHERS: Vouchers totaling \$34,528.17 for September and \$66,423.90 for October were reviewed. Vern Lewison made a motion to approve the September and October vouchers as presented, seconded by Mary Kay Logemann. Carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mary Kay Logemann made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for September and October, second by John Beinborn. Carried.

LOAN CLOSET FINANCIAL REPORT: Vern Lewison made a motion to approve the Loan Closet Financial Reports, second by Mary Kay Logemann. Carried.

SEMINAR AND TRAINING UPDATE: John Beinborn made a motion to approve the September and October Seminar and Training Update, second by Vern Lewison. Carried.

GRANT APPLICATION: Vern Lewison made a motion to approve the grant application for the quality improvement project funded by the CDC (via State pass through funding), second by John Beinborn. Carried.

STAFFING REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jeffery A. Kindrai, RS, MSPH

Pay Study - The pay study is moving forward but some concerns and questions exist with the process. The inability to compete with the private sector and other public sector entities has created difficulties in recruiting and retaining professional staff such as Registered Nurses and Registered Dietitians.

SHOW – Survey of the Health of Wisconsin data was reviewed. Based on recent sampling, Grant County's residents exhibit lower levels of hypertension, slightly higher cholesterol levels, exercise more, but are still slightly higher than the State average in obesity.

Flu Update – An increase in flu activity in area has been seen. Several outbreaks in LTC facilities have been reported. Grant County Health Department depleted its VFC flu vaccine supply and has re-ordered several times indicating good coverage in our schools this year.

Grow Southwest WI - Jeff is participating in Grow Southwest Wisconsin Committee.

WCA - The Wisconsin Counties Association County Ambassador program was discussed. There is not enough time to participate.

DFC- A Drug-free community training is set for November 28th for designer drugs.

Compliance Checks - An update on the meeting with the Tavern League regarding compliance checks was given. The Sheriff's Department will not be doing random walk through at bars in Grant County at this time. Also, changes were made so that less disruption occurs in establishments during compliance checks when establishments do not sell to minors.

PHPR and Environmental Health - Public Health Preparedness funding from Crawford County will run out in sometime around September of 2013. This funding is used to support Environmental Health activities including unfunded mandates as well as our public health emergency response capabilities (such as our response to floods, fires, natural disasters, spills, Human Health Hazards, etc.).

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Grant County has money that will likely carry the program through 2014. However, funding will be needed for these unfunded mandates sometime after this point.

Gaining agent status (the licensing and inspection program currently done by the State) could help support the infrastructure needed to respond to unfunded mandates. Acquiring the program has other potential advantages including: increased shared revenue funding for other public health programs, better coordinated responses to complaints and food borne illness outbreaks, a more level playing field for operators (as unlicensed, uninspected establishments exist in the region), added local capacity to respond to emergencies and complaints, as well as efficiencies in travel expenses (as we have one person covering a 6 county region and much of their time is spent traveling as opposed to using their skills). Based on an initial review, license fees may be able to be reduced for operators as well due to lower overhead at a local level. It is anticipated that reviewing the possibility of becoming agents will continue during 2013 and into 2014 and other funding options will be considered as well.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS REPORT: Mary J. Rasmussen, RN, BSN

No Report.

ADJOURN: Carol made a motion to adjourn, second by John Beinborn. Carried.

Next meeting will be January 22nd at 5:00pm.



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