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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 16, 2010\*\*\*Note Date Change**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Large Conference Room – Polk County Health Department**

**AMENDED AGENDA\***

- Welcome/Call to order
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2010 meeting
- Monthly Bills Review  
(Finance Committee: Kristine Kremer-Hartung, Warren Nelson, Pat Schmidt)
- Monthly Statistical/Financial Reports for the Department
- Out of County Meetings Report
- Old Business
  - 1) Smoke Free Air Ordinance – Sampson
  - 2) Update on Budget – Sampson
  - 3) PNCC Program Update – Leonard
  - 4) Update on National Voluntary Accreditation – Sampson
  - 5) Kaiser Foundation Brief Video on Health Care Reform – Sampson
- New Business
  - 1) Phase out of Public Health Preparedness Consortias\*
  - 2) WIC Infrastructure Funds - Sampson
  - 3) Report from Professional Advisory Committee Meeting – Sampson/Scoglio
  - 4) Authorize Bid Process for 2 Lease Vehicles - Sampson
- Director's Report
  - 1) Public Health Legislative Updates –Wanda Johnson/Sampson
  - 2) Public Health Research – Sampson
  - 3) Agency Updates – Sampson
- Board member Comments/Observances
- Adjourn

Enc: BOH minutes October, 2010

\* Added agenda item

This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:00 AM on November 16, 2010.

Present: Dr. Arne Lagus Rick Scoglio Patricia Schmidt  
Kristine Kremer-Hartung Warren Nelson Harry Johansen  
Wanda Johnson

Also: Gretchen Sampson Julie Houman Caralynn Hodgson  
Dana Frey Bonnie Leonard Therese Armour

Chairperson Schmidt called the meeting to order.

**Motion by Johansen/Kremer-Hartung to approve the amended agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Kremer-Hartung/Johnson to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### Monthly Bill Review

Sampson reviewed the list of bills and answered any questions.

**Motion by Kremer-Hartung/Nelson to approve the bills in the amount of \$69,342.39. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### Monthly Statistical Reports

Sampson handed out the monthly statistical reports for review.

**Motion by Dr. Lagus/Kremer-Hartung to accept financials. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### Out of County Meetings

Sampson reviewed the list of out of county meetings and trainings for November and December.

**Motion by Johansen/Kremer-Hartung to approve the out of county travel. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### Old Business

#### 1) Smoke Free Air Ordinance

Sampson stated that law enforcement has started enforcing the smoke free air ordinance. An establishment in St. Croix Falls has been cited with a written warning to the owner of the establishment for non compliance.

#### 2) Update on Budget

The 2011 budget has passed.

### **3) PNCC Program Update**

Bonnie Leonard gave an overview of the Prenatal Care Coordination Program. This program is for pregnant women who are eligible for BadgerCare and have identified risk factors such as, medical, mental, substance abuse, and social and economic factors. This program helps promote healthy pregnancies and babies.

### **4) Update on National Voluntary Accreditation**

Sampson gave an overview on what PHAB is and how the accreditation process works. Polk County should be ready to apply for accreditation within 1-2 years. The fee to accomplish this has not been set yet by PHAB, but they have assured health departments it will not be a barrier to apply. There was discussion about the significant staff time and effort that will be needed to prepare for accreditation.

### **5) Kaiser Foundation Brief Video on Health Care Reform**

The Kaiser foundation has a short video on health care reform. It lists some of the changes to be made, how it will be paid for and who it will cover. This video can be found at <http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx>

## **New Business**

### **1) Phase out of Public Health Preparedness Consortia**

As of August 10, 2010, funding for the Consortium will be reallocated, all money will be distributed to each local organization, whereas in the past, the local organizations funding went directly to their Consortium. The Polk County Consortium currently employs 3 staff, 1 of which will be laid off as of December 31, 2010; the remaining 2 staff members serve 18 counties and 2 tribes, so this decision could have a big impact on Polk County. A letter is being drafted as to the way this was handled, as this decision came as a shock to everyone.

### **2) WIC Infrastructure Funds**

WIC Infrastructure is grant funding allows money to be used for building improvements. This funding of approximately \$23,000 is to be used for improving areas such as painting the WIC waiting room, patient rooms, new furniture for the waiting room, carpet replacement, or any improvements as specified by this grant. These WIC improvements will be made within the next month.

### **3) Report from Professional Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Professional Advisory Committee met on October 13, 2010 in the conference room of the Polk County Health Department. The minutes from the meeting were handed out and some highlights were discussed such as the free clinic, Home Care program changes, medical advisor at the jail, and renewal of agency standing medical orders.

### **4) Authorize Bid Process for 2 Lease Vehicles**

Sampson asked the board's approval to secure bids for 2 new mid size 4-door car. These will be prepaid leases. The two Honda Civic leases will be up as of December 29, 2010.

**Motion by Johansen/Johnson to approve bid process for 2 pre-paid leases. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Directors Report**

### **1) Public Health Legislative Updates**

#### **2) Public Health Research**

Sampson handed out an article on "Americans' Conflicting Views about the Public Health System, and How to Shore Up Support".

#### **3) Agency Updates**

A letter has been written and sent to "Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services" regarding the new Home Care third party survey, expressing that the Board opposes more unfunded mandates. Administrator Frey recommended that we copy our congressional representatives on this letter as they likely would have more influence.

Two of our Public Health staff (Jason Shrader and Brian Kaczmariski) gave a great presentation on Workforce Development for the APHA Annual Meeting in Denver last week. Gretchen Sampson, who also attended, received a plaque for "Outstanding service as Chair of the Health Administration Section of APHA".

Sergeant Scott Nargis from the Polk County Jail submitted a very complimentary letter to the Health Department regarding Jail nurse Donna Johnson, thanking her for helping cut medication costs and for proving to be a very valuable asset to the jail.

## **Board Member Comments**

Scoglio expressed concern for Board Member terms, suggesting staggering the member terms. It was suggested that the Public Health Department write a recommendation to the board for the board terms.

**Motion by Nelson/Johansen to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.**

**The next Board of Health meeting will be December 14, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.  
Finance Committee: Harry Johansen, Janis Nelson and Viola Karr**