

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Date: December 21, 2010

Members Present: Dr. Selkurt Rod Severson
 Dr. Baxa Michael Nelson
 John Aasen George Brandt

Others Present: Carol Bawek Nicole Hunger
 Sherry Rhoda

1. Call to Order

The Trempealeau County Board of Health meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rod Severson. Time: 6: 01 p.m.

2. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements

Posting and notification has accomplished the requirements of the Open meeting Law.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Move agenda item # 10 up to item #6.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Brandt to accept the agenda with the above item changes. Motion carried. See Appendix G 1.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Aasen, second by Mr. Brandt accepts the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

5. Preparedness Consortium

Mr. Jay Schrader will be coming in January to discuss the State's decision to disband the consortium. The initial consortium was with the La Crosse area, and then was switched to Polk County area. Approximately 25% funding would go to the consortium staff. Their staff assists each county with develop tools for teaching and developed web page for teaching, press releases, prepared our staff by putting on trainings for us to meet our goals for the consolidated contract. The Western Region Public Health Partnership also helped with the flood in September. Ms. Rhoda stated, other Health Officers voiced concern as to losing the support of the consortium staff. With no consortium we will be a stand alone, increasing our workload to meet the requirements and we will have to do an MOU with other counties. In August 2011, our agency will get new objectives and a new contract.

6. Environmental Health Program

Ms. Nicole Hunger presented to the Board of Health members her role as a registered sanitarian. Started work in Oct. 2002. Ms. Hunger conducts inspections for approximately 270 licensed public facilities within Trempealeau County. Facilities included are: swimming pools, restaurants, hotels/motels, B&B, schools, campgrounds, change in ownerships and complaint follow-ups. The Health Department was awarded the radon grant this year. The month of January is radon awareness month. Ms. Hunger will be available to provide outreach as well as test kit distribution for \$8.00. Ms. Hunger stated the (transient non-community) TNC well water program will be facilitated by the health department with approximately 45 facilities to be sampled. Wisconsin State Statute 251 – states that a Local Health Department is to follow-up on Human Health Hazard complaints. Ms. Hunger stated that based on current staffing, discussions with Department of Health Services and other counties, the Trempealeau County Human Health Hazard ordinance carries too detail regarding rental housing section. The Board of Health agreed the current ordinance be altered and show changes with tracking method and bring to Board of Health for approval. The majority of hazard complaints come from renters. A landlord/tenant letter is required prior to Health Department involvement, keeping lines of communication open. Ms. Hunger was involved in the meth lab clean-up in the recent month. Discussion was held regarding a MOU with Division of Land Management. Lead inspections will be completed by the regional office free of charge. See Appendix G 2

10. Update on Shared Services

Meetings continue to take place regarding the opportunity of shared services between Buffalo and Trempealeau County Public Health Departments. Discussion of shared services between the two counties is occurring to determine whether the county health departments could or should be shared/merged which in the long run would provide more federally funded grant opportunities through the national accreditation process. What would be the best services to share with Buffalo County? Ms. Rhoda stated that if the sharing of services is going to work, the programs shared must be of the same discipline. Buffalo County has an Environmental Specialist who is not a Registered Sanitarian, and Buffalo County does not have an agent status program. The state is no longer licensing previously non agent status counties for agent status unless the county is affiliated with another established licensed agent status county. Buffalo County suggested their EHS could assist in limited Trempealeau County public facility inspections while Trempealeau County nurses assisted in Buffalo County communicable disease follow up, average case load 100. Overall goal is the federal government is looking at all states, therefore counties becoming accredited. Buffalo County has a hard time to keep nurses; average stay is one to one and half years. Discussion was held. Some of the questions raised by board members were: Where is the benefit to Trempealeau County? How will the mileage issue be worked out? How can our nurses take on more work? Current discussions are not showing an even trade between county disciplines. Buffalo County would like to start shared services in the new year. Mr. Severson stated both counties should meet in the middle and not have one county gain. Currently a CDC grant has been awarded to the state for infrastructure building focusing on the national accreditation process. Next meeting is January 20th.

7. Approval of Public Health Nurse Position

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the position of a Public Health Nurse up to 32 hours a week. Motion carried. See Appendix G 3.

8 Section of Orientation Manual – State Statute

SS 251.06 #2 Health Officer shall be voting member of the local board of health. Wait for the new Corporate Counsel. Meet with village and township health officers to inform them of ordinance and discuss their job duties.

9. Approval of MOU for Compass – CHIP

A motion was made by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Aasen to accept the MOU with Great River United Way for \$750 to cover Trempealeau County for the next 3 years and to promote collection of data from surveys and/or focus groups with the community and United Way service agencies. Motion carried. See Appendix G 4.

11. Non-Lapsing Funds – Discussion

There will be 2 programs that will need to be non-lapsing budgets. Have not received the awarded amounts with the consolidated program.

12. Director’s Report

- Approval of State WAHL DAB Membership Renewal Application

A motion was made by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Nelson to renew the application for the WAHL DAB organization. Motion carried.

- Approval of NACCHO Membership

Declined

- Ms. Rhoda informed the Board of Health; Cascade Communications Marketing approached her to do marketing for the department. This was arranged when we were merged with Human Services. The price quoted was approximately \$5,000. Discussion was held. Declined as to being too much money. Dr. Baxa stated, “Your environmental person stated she is busy, your nurses are busy, so why would we need to advertise for more business?” Mr. Severson and Mr. Nelson commented on seeing ads in the paper all the time.

13. Approval of Vouchers

A motion was made by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Aasen to approve the vouchers in the amount of:

<i>Public Health</i>	<i>\$ 4,506.37</i>
<i>Health Wt.</i>	<i>27.00</i>
<i>W.I.C.</i>	<i>10,489.05</i>
<i>Asthma</i>	<i>152.05</i>
<i>PHER</i>	<i>91.00</i>
<i>W.I.C. Breastfeeding</i>	<i><u>4.95</u></i>

Grand Total \$ 14,201.29

Motion carried. Appendix G 5.

14. Discussion of next meeting date/time

January 18, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Aasen to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. Motion carried. TIME: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Michael Nelson
Secretary