

Trempealeau County

Health Department

Date: February 19, 2013

Members Present:

Sally Miller	George Brandt
Dr. Wm Baxa	Jay Low
Pamela Nelson	
Dr. J. Selkurt	

Others Present: Sherry Rhoda Carol Bawek

1. Call to Order

The Trempealeau County Board of Health meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Brandt. Time: 6:02 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

A motion made by Dr. Baxa , seconded by Mr. Low to accept the agenda as mailed. Motion carried. See Appendix A 1.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Larson seconded by Dr. Baxa to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

5. Nicole Thill – Public Health Specialist

Ms. Nicole Thill was introduced to the Board of Health as the Public Health Specialist. Ms. Thill went on to explain she will be receiving her Master's Degree in Public Health this May. Ms. Thill will be working in Environmental Health, Human Health Hazards, Preparedness, WWWP, and communicable disease follow-up.

6. Nitrate Update

Ms. Nicole Hunger and Carla Doelle gave a brief summary of a mutual high Nitrate levels in private wells in the Trempealeau area. Property owners have nitrate readings as high as 103 & 73 ppm. Ms. Hunger stated a within normal range is less than 10 ppm. Nitrate is found in manure and fertilizer applications. Sandy soils, irrigation, manure spreading, droughts are all factors to consider when you get high nitrate readings. Ms. Hunger distributed fee exempt water testing kits to surrounding home owners and educated families on the harmful effects of high nitrates, stating boiling water makes the nitrate worse. Discussion followed. Ms. Doelle stated there is a meeting involving the 2 home owners, farmer, UW Extension, Division of Land, Public Health and Gold N Plump on Monday. Ms. Rhoda will report the outcome at the next February meeting. See Appendix A 2.

7. Positions Update

Ms. Rhoda stated there were 5 applications for the WIC Director position. Interviews will be Tuesday. No applicants for the Public Health Nurse opening.

8. Approval Limited Term P.H.N. Position

A motion to approve the Limited Term PHN Position was made by Dr. Baxa, 2nd by Mr. Larson. Motion carried. Appendix A 3

9. Public Health Improvement Initiative Grant Resolution

Ms. Rhoda informed the Board of Health, the Health Department was awarded a \$5,000 grant through CDC. *A Motion was made by Ms. Miller seconded by Mr. Low to approve the resolution. Motion carried.* Ms. Rhoda stated the objective of the grant is to assess our strength and weaknesses, developing a plan to address weaknesses and perform one quality improvement project. The goal is to get accreditation and standardize health departments across the nation. See Appendix A 4.

10. Agency Budget-Update

The budget year 2012 will be finalized at the end of February 2013. See Appendix A 5.

11. Approval of Vouchers

A motion was made by Dr. Baxa, seconded by Mr. Low to approve the vouchers in the amount of:

<u>For 2012</u>	
<i>Public Health</i>	<i>- \$ 2,177.03</i>
<i>Bioterrorism</i>	<i>- 91.53</i>
<i>Schol Base Se</i>	<i>- 2,205.14</i>
<i>W.I.C.</i>	<i>- 6,876.93</i>
<i>WIC BF</i>	<i>- 5.95</i>
<i>Well Water</i>	<i>- 11.90</i>
<i>State</i>	<i>- <u>353.03</u></i>
<i>Total -</i>	<i>\$ 11,721.51</i>

<u>For 2013</u>	
<i>Schol Base Se</i>	<i>- 150.00</i>
<i>W.I.C.</i>	<i>- <u>520.50</u></i>
	<i>\$ 670.50</i>

Motion carried. See Appendix A 6.

12. Director's Report

- Nursing Student
- Policies and Procedure Review

