

Trempealeau County

Moratorium Committee Minutes

Date: November 25, 2013

Members Present:	Sherry Rhoda	Paul Winey
	John Aasen	Ellen Ott
	Sally Miller	Sarah Slaby
	Lois Taylor	Elizabeth Feil
	David Larson	

Others Present: Carol Bawek, Colleen Moran, Lindsay Menard

1. Call to Order

Ms. Sally Miller Chairperson called the Trempealeau County Moratorium Committee meeting to order. TIME: 6: 05 p.m.

2. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements

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

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion made by Mr. Aasen, seconded by Ms. Rhoda to accept the agenda as mailed. Motion carried. See Appendix D1.

4. Literature submitted for Review

None

5. Lindsay Menard – La Crosse County – Health Impact Assessment

Ms. Colleen Moran, MPH, MS, WI Dept. of Health Services Division of Public Health reviewed and explained the steps and benefits of doing a Health Impact Assessment.

HIA Health Impact Assessment – Combination of procedures, methods and tools that systematically judges the potential and sometimes unintended, effects of a policy, plan, program or project on the health of a population and the distribution of those effects within the population. Intervention on poor decision-making practices.

Process report and communication process

HIA Spectrum of practice

- Rapid HIA-Brief investigation exchange of existing knowledge
- Intermediate HIA-more detailed Review evidence from similar assessments
- Comprehensive HIA-intense investigation Review of available evidence, data

Steps

1. Screening- Determine the need and value of a HIA
2. Scoping- Determine which health impacts to evaluate, methods of analysis and work plan
3. Assessment – A profile of existing conditions; evaluate potential health impacts
4. Recommendations- provide strategies to manage identified adverse health impacts/promote health benefits.
5. Reporting- Communication findings and recommendations
6. Monitoring and Evaluation – Tracks, impacts on decision-making

Lindsay Menard, MPH- La Crosse County Health Dept.

Technical Assistance available from WPHA HIA Section - Can tailor to your needs.
HIA core values representatives from all viewpoints, and affected populations.

Create a leadership team- Moratorium committee is appointed the leadership
Assist with reviewing data. We are charged with the health needs of the county.

An accurate model is needed a process.

Committees Health Impact study website to review completed studies.

List research questions. Technical assistance.

Focus groups assistance from UW-Extension.

Challenge is risk, safe and exposure.

Profile of existing conditions-Baseline is needed.

Interns, students to do leg work. Discussion followed. See Appendix D 2.

6. **Sub Committee Reports & Discussion**

- Discussion of Procedures-Identify Hub person to forward the information. Sub-committee-facilitator, to create agenda, minutes send to Hub person. Ms. Malone can assist.
- Requested Map wind, high capacity, active mines vs permitted mines. Handed out.
- Groundwater/surface water-Info from land –No testing prior to sand mine. New mine will be testing in December. 25 years of water testing but limited in scope. Nitrate, bacteria testing to see if water is safe. Basic water test available historically. High-Capacity wells.
- Radon/radioactivity- January is Radon Awareness Month. Kits available. Travels short distances. New homes checking foundations.
- Mines and population density of surrounding- Map available indicated by colors. Facilities of higher risk individuals. Regional Mines, Wind roses are available.
- Update Air Sampling MOU with Farmers Union Foundation Board of Health approved the process. Indoor sampling. Goals assure air quality is safe for all residents and visitors in Trempealeau County in respect to sand mining and all related activities. Reference clean air act. Refer to Air quality minutes. Next Meeting December 9, 2013

7. **Items for next Agenda**

Update Stable Communities, Groundwater, Surface Water, Any Trainings

8. **Set Meeting Date - Time**

December 19th 6-8:00 p.m.

9. Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2013

A motion made by Ms. Rhoda, seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2013 moratorium meeting. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

A motion made by Mr. Aasen, seconded by Ms. Rhoda to adjourn the November 25, 2013 meeting. Motion carried. TIME: 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Aasen
Ms. Secretary