

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON TUESDAY,
September 27, 2011

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 PM by Chairman Ponec with the following members present: Gerald Ponec, Dr. Sherman, Kimberly Whitmore, Carol Wantuch and Neal White. Absent and excused: Lynn Damitz, Ald. Mary Schissel, Dr. Johnson and Robert Grams

OPENING STATEMENT

The proper opening statement was read.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Carol Wantuch to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting. All voting in favor.

Gerald Ponec, Chairman of the Board of Health, welcomed the new Board Member, Kimberly Whitmore.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

1. Retirement Letter

Chairman Ponec read a letter from Carol Wantuch, Health Officer, stating that she is retiring as of December 8, 2011.

Moved by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Kimberly Whitmore to accept this retirement request.

All voting in favor.

2. Grants to Health Department

There have been several cut backs to these grants by the State:

Preparedness – this remains and is already signed.

Radon - the grant request was approved but the grant amount is unknown.

WIC – stable and probably unchanged due to an increased caseload.

Prevention of pregnancy – this has been lost.

Immunization – still stable.

Maternal & Child Health – amount unknown but expected to decrease from 2010 amount.

Lead prevention – amount unknown and also expected to decrease.

At this time the status of Ed Wrench is uncertain since his salary is paid entirely with grant monies.

3. Measles

The recent scare in Milwaukee County has not escaped Cudahy. Due to contacts in the case a homeless man from Cudahy was immunized as well as an infant that showed symptoms and is still being carefully observed.

4. Pertusis (Whooping Cough)

A student at Cudahy Middle School had a verified case of Pertussis. The School District and Health Department notified all parents and staff at the school. Also, area doctors and clinics were notified of the potential danger.

5. Legionella Scare

There was an alert in Milwaukee because of several cases of persons between 31 to 77 years of age.

6. Cudahy Nite Out

This event was held in August. The law firm of Habush, Habush and Rottier donated 200 bike helmets which were distributed and fitted to area children by Ed Wrench and the Health Department. Also a booth inside the library was set up.

7. YMCA Health Fair

The Health Department had a display recently to inform senior citizens of the services offered and answer any questions if need be.

8. Community Health Fair

This upcoming event, sponsored by the Southshore YMCA, will be at Cudahy High School on Saturday, October 15th, 2011 from 11:00 am till 1:00 pm.

9. Walk Your Kids to School Day

Will be held on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011 for all 5 Cudahy elementary schools. Prior to the walk, the Health Department and Safe Kids Coalition will be doing pedestrian safety classes in each of the schools.

10. Flu Clinic

The date of the Flu Clinic is Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm at City Hall. A food drive for Project Concern will be held in conjunction with this clinic.

11. Larvacide Drops

Larvacide to prevent West Nile Virus was applied to 1,977 Cudahy catch basins three times during the summer.

12. Animal Bites

Recently 3 animal heads have been sent to check for rabies.

One cat owner cited for having a vicious animal. This cat had bitten 3 persons.

13. Bats

A family discovered a bat in their home. They have started rabies treatment to be on the safe side.

14. Community Gardens

Recently 80 letters were sent to residents in the vicinity of the proposed gardens and responses have been positive and negative. Mayor Day will be discussing this topic with the CDA.

Moved by Kimberly Whitmore, seconded by Dr. Sherman to accept the Health Officer's report.
All voting in favor.

Other Business

1. Budget

At the present time, \$464,000 must be cut from the City's Proposed Budget. All departments including the Health Department will need to cut a proportional percentage. Carol Wantuch is looking at several options.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 6:15 PM.

ADJOURN

Moved by Carol Wantuch, seconded by Dr. Sherman to adjourn (7:25 PM).
All voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal White, Secretary