

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON TUESDAY,
April 26, 2011

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 PM by Chairman Ponec with the following members present: Gerald Ponec, Ald. Mary Schissel, Lynn Damitz , Dr. Sherman, Robert Grams, and Carol Wantuch. Absent and excused: Rebecca Owen, Dr. Johnson and Neal White.
Also present: Mayor Day

OPENING STATEMENT

The proper opening statement was read.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Ald. Schissel, seconded by Dr. Sherman to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 meeting.
All voting in favor.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

1. Resolution Honoring Carol Wantuch

Carol resigned her position as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator. That position is being filled by Fire Chief Mayer. Mayor Day and the Common Council issued a resolution congratulating Carol on her accomplishments as the City of Cudahy Emergency Management Director at the last Common Council meeting.

2. City Computers

There is some sort of virus that is impacting the ability of anyone on the City network to receive emails. This problem should be resolved tomorrow.

3. Telephones

The City will be getting new phones in the next several weeks. The Health Department main number will remain the same; however instead of extensions, all of the staff will have new individual phone numbers.

4. Concordia Students

The two Concordia University nursing students who "shadowed" our Health Department staff had a good experience. There will be two more students coming to the Department – one on 4/25/2011 and one on 5/4/2011.

5. Communicable Diseases

The Minnesota Health Department now reports 21 confirmed cases of measles in that state. The cases ranged in age from 4 months to 51 years old. 17 of those individuals are linked to an infection in Kenya, one case is linked to Florida and one case is linked to India and the last case has an unknown source. There have been 13 hospitalizations and no deaths. 7 of those cases were too young to be immunized; 8 were of age but not immunized, 1 did receive MMR, one was vaccinated too early and 4 have unknown status.

Eau Claire Health Department is now dealing with a Varicella outbreak and has excluded 12 children without Varicella vaccine from school for 21 days.

6. Senior Housing Emergency Planning

The first resident class regarding emergency plans was given at Evergreen Square Building #1 last week by Carol and Firefighter Mark Siggelkow. 45 residents and staff were in attendance. Classes at Evergreen Square Building #2 and at Washington Square are scheduled in the next

two weeks. Emergency drills are scheduled for both buildings at Evergreen Square and at Washington Square on May 25th. 2011.

7. **FEMA**

Carol met with a FEMA representative this week to finalize the paperwork to obtain reimbursement for snow removal and response for the February 2, 2011 blizzard.

8. **National Night Out**

The first meeting of the National Night Out occurred last week. The event is planned for August 4, 2011 from 4-8 PM. More information will be forthcoming.

9. **State Budget**

Carol indicated that funding for health programs that have a large effect on the State population may be in jeopardy. She has sent letters regarding this issue to Rep. Sinicki and Sen. Larson. She thought that the Board of Health may also want to voice their concerns about these issues. After a brief discussion, Chairman Ponec signed letters to be sent to Rep. Sinicki and Sen. Larson.

Moved by Lynn Damitz, seconded by Robert Grams to accept the Health Officer's report.
All voting in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Community Gardens**

Mayor Day, as a representative of the Cudahy CDA, spoke about the community garden project. After a discussion with the Board members, Mayor Day did indicate that he will answer all the Board concerns in writing. He will also talk with DPW and the Water Utility regarding water access for the gardens and refuse pick-up. He felt that he and Carol could draft an informational letter to the residents who live around the Barland Avenue site of the community gardens to elicit their buy-in to this project. If there are too many objections to the location, a potential other site on Milwaukee County land on Pennsylvania Avenue could be considered. The Mayor and the Board felt that this project needs to be carefully crafted and involved other community partners such as the School District and local businesses.

Moved by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Lynn Damitz to proceed with the initiation of this project. All voting in favor.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:15 PM.

ADJOURN

Moved by Ald. Schissel, seconded by Lynn Damitz to adjourn (7:02 PM).
All voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Wantuch, Acting Secretary