

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON TUESDAY,
March 22, 2011

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman Ponec with the following members present: Gerald Ponec, Ald. Mary Schissel, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Sherman, Robert Grams, Carol Wantuch and Neal White. Absent and excused: Rebecca Owen and Lynn Damitz.

OPENING STATEMENT

The proper opening statement was read.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Robert Grams, seconded by Dr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting.

All voting in favor.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

1. Annual Report

The annual report was distributed to all Board of Health members and also given to Council members, school district, and library and posted on Cudahy website.

2. Flu Clinic

It is scheduled for October 4, 2011 from 9 am till 1 pm with Wheaton-Franciscan running the flu clinic. The clinic hours were shortened because of a decrease in flu clinic attendance.

3. Vaccine

The World Health Organization has announced that the flu vaccine for 2011 will be identical to that given in 2010.

At present six people from Cudahy, including one who died, were diagnosed and hospitalized with H₁N₁.

4. Concordia Students

Two nursing students from Concordia spent a day at the Health Department shadowing the nurses. There will be another Concordia student at the Health Department late in April.

5. News Items

The Minnesota Health Department reports nine confirmed cases of measles in that state. All were under age five and eight of the nine had not been vaccinated. Two of these children were refugees from Somalia.

According to the CDC, U.S. residents need not be concerned of radiation in this country as a result of the tragedy in Japan. Citizens are being told not to buy potassium-iodine pills. If it should ever be necessary to take these pills, the CDC would issue them from their stockpile.

6. Senior Housing Emergency Planning

Shelter kits put together at the Health Department have been delivered to Evergreen Square and Washington Square. Training for the staff and residents is scheduled for April 21st.

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

7. Budget Update

As of today, 20.9% of the budget has been expended and 22.9% of projected revenue received. The Health Department budget is on target for 2011.

8. Bike Helmets

Ed Wrench of the Health Department has secured a donation of 200 bike helmets from Habush, Habush and Rottier Foundation. These are to be distributed at the next "Night Out".

9. Vaccine Report

The Health Department has received over \$23,000.00 worth of vaccine from the State of Wisconsin in 2010.

10. National Public Health Week

This takes place April 4th thru 8th, 2011. The Health Department will have a safety display board in City Hall to commemorate this event.

11. Success Story

One of the Cudahy Health Department Public Health Nurses made a home visit and probably saved a man's life. The man had fallen in the bathroom two days before the home visit. He was found in his bed and was unable to take of himself. His caregiver had not called for help from him. He was taken to St. Lukes South Shore Hospital for surgery for multiple fractures and soon will be in rehabilitation. Cudahy Police and the Milwaukee County Department on Aging as well as the immediate family are now involved.

12. Potential Combining Health Departments

There was a proposal by Milwaukee Mayor Barrett to the members of the ICC (Intergovernmental Cooperation Council) which is made of local Mayors and Village Presidents to merge suburban health departments with the City of Milwaukee Health Department. Health Officers in the suburbs of Milwaukee are not in favor of this proposal because there would be no real cost savings for the municipalities and the suburbs would likely lose services for their populations. If, in the future, some consolidation is necessary some suburbs might band together.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Miscellaneous

As a result of the Community Assessments, the Board of Health would like to concentrate on a future project such as community gardens were discussed. The CDA has already been doing some research into this project and has a tentative location at Barland and Dale Avenues. It was suggested that a representative from CDA be asked to attend our next meeting to let us know what groundwork has been started.

Another suggestion was to ask local supermarkets to package healthy meals for each day of the week and feature them in the stores.

Dr. Sherman reported that car seats face the rear for children up to two years of age and front facing until age eight.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURN

Moved by Carol Wantuch, seconded by Dr. Johnson to adjourn (7:05 PM).

All voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal White, Secretary