

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON TUESDAY,
May 22, 2012

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by Chairman Ponec with the following members present: Gerald Ponec, Dr. Sherman, Kimberly Whitmore
Absent and excused: Ald. Mary Schissel, Lynn Damitz, Robert Grams, and Neil White.
Also present: Annette Schmidt.

OPENING STATEMENT

The proper opening statement was read.

ACTING HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

1. Introduction of Kimberly Whitmore as Cudahy Health Department Health Officer

Ms. Whitmore has accepted the position of Cudahy Health Department Health Officer and started her duties in the department on 5/22/12. Ms. Whitmore comes to the health department with considerable experience, education, and enthusiasm. She is a welcome addition to the department.

2. Communicable Diseases

- There has been a sharp increase of **Pertussis** cases this month (8). Thus far the department has investigated 10 cases: 1 suspect with negative labs, 2 suspect, 2 laboratory confirmed, 5 contacts to case. Immunization program reports project the number of cases within the state will surpass what was seen in the previous outbreak. Majority of cases are current with Pertussis containing vaccinations. Health department is frequently receiving notice of disease when client is already started on medication, it is surmised Dr's offices are overwhelmed with the volume of suspect, and probable cases and cannot reasonably accommodate notification into their workload. Patients' families do not always notify the health department of suspect cases. Pertussis is likely underreported in the community.
- All CHD staff attended the spring communicable disease seminar.
- Number of reportable communicable diseases up. Last year total number of investigated communicable diseases was 128. To date the health department has investigated 81 communicable diseases. This may be reflective of the increase in Pertussis as well as the general increase in Chlamydia (trend consistent with other communities).

- 3. Blast Fitness (formerly Bally's Fitness)** Bally's Fitness changed ownership and name to Blast Fitness on May 1, 2012. On May 2, the Cudahy Health Department began receiving complaints that the facility was dirty. Some complaints indicated soiled feminine hygiene pads were left out in open and not cleaned. Most complaints were not of a human health hazard concern. The environmental specialist and acting health officer conducted several visits at various times and did not find any outstanding violations. It became apparent from some of the complaints (bright red worms in a woman's shower drain, removal of hand towel dispensers from the wall) that some of the complaints were a result of deliberate acts of sabotage. Blast management was encouraged to work with the Cudahy Health Department if vandalism and deliberate acts continued. Issues with Blast Fitness are resolving.

4. **Hours of BOH meeting time** Discussion was made to make the time for meetings earlier in the evening. This will need to be brought up again at a subsequent meeting when more BOH members are present to discuss and act on this item.
5. **Possible Farmers Market.** The Cudahy WIC department is working towards the onsite addition of a farmer's market with WIC approved vendors with a goal of increasing the use of farmer's market vouchers among WIC participants. This could also serve as a venue for promoting health department health and nutrition messages and activities. Planning is underway.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Agenda for next BOH meeting** Board appointment of Ms. Kimberly Whitmore as Cudahy Health Department, Health Officer.
- Attendance at the next BOH meeting is essential to establish a quorum to act on the Board of Health appointment of our new health officer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 6:15 PM.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gerald Ponec, seconded by Dr. Sherman to adjourn (7:00 PM).
All voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Schmidt RN