

MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 2014 AT 7:00 PM.

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Alderson Pam Akers	Present
Darren J. Rausch, MS, CPH	Present
Andrew Martinez, Phar.	Present
Allen Owen, D.D.S.	Present
Mary Kitten, R.N.	Present (Arrived 7:04)
Luanne Wielichowski, R.N.	Present
Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.	Excused
Cindy Leranthe	Present
Richard Dettmann, Ph.D, M.Ed.	Excused (Arrived 7:34)

2. No approval of minutes. March 13th, 2014 Board of Health Minutes will be approved at next meeting.

3. **Citizen Commentary** – No citizens present

4. Sue Marten introduced herself as the Tobacco Consortium Coordinator for Tobacco-Free Suburban Milwaukee and Ozaukee County. She provided a show-and-tell demonstration of current tobacco products on the market and their similarities to candies and other kid-centric items. In addition, she provided two examples of e-cigarettes.

Information update related to Tobacco Control Activities

Ms. Marten indicated that there are new tobacco challenges on the horizon, even five years after the Smokefree Wisconsin Act was approved and implemented. Statewide funding remains for tobacco control and education efforts, but the allocations are much, much lower than in the past. Current youth rates are at 13% with adult rates at 19%.

Ms. Marten provided an update on e-cigarettes and pending research studies. These devices are not mentioned in the statewide smoke free ban and the allowance of these products are up to the business itself. Most businesses, anecdotally, have not allowed these devices; healthcare establishments have recently gotten on board and have changed their institutional policies.

E-cigarettes are not subject to federal laws that impact other tobacco products. They do not have to be placed behind the counter, and they are advertised widely. In addition, these products have high rates of “coupons” to attract purchasers and come in a wide variety of flavors to entice children. Despite assertions, there is no research indicating that e-cigarettes are smoking cessation devices.

Statewide, tobacco coalitions are working to move housing complexes move toward smoke free policies. There are currently 17 HUD housing complexes that have

transitioned to smoke free within the past year. Rates in Greenfield for sales to minors have increased to 15% over the past year, which is discouraging.

Mr. Rausch addressed that CVS pharmacies have recently announced that they will not sell tobacco products. This fact has been widely championed by national public health leaders and associations. Work continues on the state and federal level to encourage other pharmacy chains to follow suit.

Mr. Rausch raised the issue related to “hookah lounges” and their ability to open in the post-smoke free act world. Hookah lounges were to be in existence prior to July 1, 2009; current licensees cannot open if they will sell tobacco. Many operators allege that they will be selling non-tobacco hookah products, like herbs, oils, etc.

Additional discussion ensued about the smoke free law, enforcement, and provisions of the law related to outdoor smoking areas. Despite the issues with the smoke free law, there was consensus that it has been a success.

5. Mr. Rausch stated that this agenda item is related to a Milwaukee-area University of Illinois-Chicago student who is looking for a placement opportunity. This study has an interest in policy and preparedness work, in an effort to round out her skill set. Mr. Rausch has identified an opportunity for her to research chickens and honeybees in urban communities as part of her time with us.

She would be working with us on a part-time basis from June through September. This agreement would be similar as the agreements the health department has with Medical College of Wisconsin as well as Carroll University. The agreement would expire in one year, so this is a one-time opportunity through the University of Illinois - Chicago.

Discussion and decision related to Agreement for Non-Clinical Placement of Student in a Practice Setting between University of Illinois-Chicago School of Public Health and the Greenfield Health Department

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Allen Owen, to allow the agreement to move forward. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Rausch shared with the board information regarding the early season market, starting the first weekend in May and is three weeks long. The first day was this last Sunday, and it was a quiet day, much like October. Most produce vendors will probably not be on site with an abundance of produce until mid-June.

Informational update related to the 2014 Greenfield Farmers Market

One of the board members received feedback from one of the vendors from the 2013 market. He said he was not coming back to the market this year because the market needs to fill the inside of the market path. Mr. Rausch said it was be difficult to do so, as we would need to find another 40 vendors to fill the inside, and also the patrons to maintain the size of the market. This season, the committee members are more focused on giving the inside area more of a family feel,

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introducing non-profit vendors, musicians, and other family events. It is important to keep current vendors happy.

Mr. Rausch shared some new vendors that will be attending the market this season, including the Gouda Girls, Eats & Treats, The City Market, and an organic farmer.

There was further discussion regarding advertising outlets, including businesses in Greenfield and in the surrounding communities.

7. Mr. Rausch has been working as the interim Heath Officer for Cudahy. He has been working with the WIC transition. Cudahy staff will be finished on June 30th and West Allis WIC will start at the Greenfield location on July 1st. West Allis WIC will be doing clinic at the Greenfield location every Monday and Tuesday, which is slightly different from what Cudahy WIC was doing. Consistent Mondays and Tuesday will assist clients as it is a less confusing schedule.

Discussion and decision related to the WIC Clinic Transition from Cudahy to West Allis

Mr. Rausch provided a copy of the agreement between West Allis WIC and the Greenfield Health Department. He stated that this the same agreement held between the Greenfield Health Department and Cudahy WIC.

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Mary Kitten, to approve the Greenfield Health Department and West Allis WIC agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Committee to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(f)(g) and 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:

- a. Communicable Disease Updates
- b. Environmental Health Updates
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Health Officer/Director Evaluation

Closed Session

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Allen Owen, to go into closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Pam Akers, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

10. The legislative session has ended and legislation that public health has been watching will be reintroduced in the fall. These bills include high-proof alcohol, e-cigarettes, raw milk, and many others.

Public Health Legislative Updates

Ms. Wielichowski offered to share an update regarding the ban of high-proof alcohol. At this time it did not make it out of committee and will not be moving forward at this time.

Public Health Research

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11. Mr. Rausch shared with the board information regarding shared service agreements, such as the agreement we currently have with WIC, or the agreement we have with Hales Corners regarding immunizations.

UW-Madison received a grant to research the effects of the shared service agreements.

Executive Officer's Report

12. Mr. Rausch started off stating there are 27 mumps cases in Wisconsin. The age range is between 18-28, and complications have been minor. The vaccination status is that 81% of people affected have received both MMR vaccinations. 5% had one dose of MMR. 15% were 0 MMR or unknown vaccination status. There are several cases involving UW-Milwaukee, and it can become a concern in Greenfield with commuter students bringing mumps into the community.

Mr. Rausch also shared a report showing that Pertussis has come back down to where Greenfield is typically at.

Mr. Rausch also shared a communicable disease report.

Mr. Rausch stated the Interim Health Department role will continue for at least a few more months. Cudahy did receive 7 applications, but plan to repost the position looking for more specific requirements.

Mr. Rausch also noted that the following individuals are up for re-appointment: Allen Owen, Leon Saryan, and Richard Dettmann. Mr. Rausch asked each individual to contact him regarding interest in continuing as a member on the board. It will go to Common Council for approval sometime this month.

13. *Chairperson's Report* – None

14. *Aldersperson's Report* – Saturday, August 16th is a gala event to celebrate a 5 year anniversary. Pam Akers is also the new Common Council President.

15. *Miscellaneous Board Member's Report* – None

16. *Items for Future Agendas:* Mr. Rausch stated that he has nothing at this time, but the Board of Health meeting should be July 17th, 2014 due to a conflict for the typical date and time. Due to several conflicts in July, the Board of Health meeting may be cancelled.

17. **A motion was made by Allen Owen, seconded by Luanne Wielichowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. The motion carried unanimously.**