
October 6, 2009
Board of Health Minutes
Two Rivers Public Health Department

Present: Dick Pierce – Buffalo County Supervisor
Sue Hunter - Buffalo County Citizen
Glen Monter – Gosper County Commissioner
Rodney Metzger – Harlan County Supervisor
Kerry Teetor – Dawson County Citizen
Jean Rush –Kearney County Supervisor
Nancy Garrelts – Phelps County Citizen
Lana Bennett – Gosper County Citizen
Priscilla Bragg – Harlan County Citizen

Also Present: Kris Wright – CAP, Terry Krohn – TRPHD, Amy Elwood – TRPHD

Absent: Dr. Karen Sorenson – Buffalo County Dentist
Dr. Scott Ehresman – Phelps County Physician
Renee Grams – Franklin County Citizen
Harold Raburn – Phelps County Supervisor
Dr. Jared Walahoski – Dawson County Veterinarian
Fernando Barranco – Minority Representative
PJ Jacobson – Dawson County Supervisor
Dale Loschen – Franklin County Supervisor
Dr. Stewart Embury – Phelps County Physician

The Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dick Pierce, Chairman. Open Meeting Law was posted and announced by Dick Pierce. Roll call was done by Amy Elwood.

Board Education was provided by Amy Elwood. Elwood graduated from the Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute in September and she presented her project, An Orientation Guide for Emerging Public Health Professionals. This guide is designed for use when hiring new employees in the public health field or for providing education to those already in the field. A poster session of the project will be displayed at the PHAN Conference in Kearney on October 8th in Kearney. Some of the Year 5 Cohort of the Great Plains Institute have already expressed interest in taking over the project and expanding it next year.

Hunter motioned to approve the Board of Health Agenda. Monter seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes All. Motion carried.

Motion by Rush and Second by Bragg to approve the minutes from June 2, 2009. Roll call vote. Ayes All. Motion carried.

Kris Wright presented the financial report. The Two Rivers' 2009-2010 Budget was submitted to the State in August. There were funds remaining in the 1060 and 692 funds at the end of last year. The Public Health Nursing contract ended and was renewed. The Building Blocks contract ended and was not renewed with remaining funds returned. H1N1 expenses for August and September were at \$7,000. Two Rivers will receive additional Pandemic Influenza funds to be expended in the next three years to assist with H1N1 planning and implementation. A contract has been written with Community Action of Mid-Nebraska to assist with H1N1 response in data entry for the web based Immunization Registry and providing H1N1 vaccine for public health

clinics sponsored by Two Rivers. **Hunter motioned to approve the financial report. Second by Becker. Roll call vote. Ayes All. Motion carried.**

Krohn presented a Letter of Resignation from the Two Rivers Public Health Department Board from Dr. Sorenson. She has accepted the position as the Nebraska State Dental Director and it would be a conflict of interest for her to remain on the Board. Krohn is accepting recommendations for a new dentist representative on the Board. **Motion by Teetor to accept Dr. Sorenson's Letter of Resignation. Second by Monter. Roll call vote. Ayes All. Motion carried.**

Krohn requested approval for funds for a staff Christmas lunch. This is already in the approved budget. There were no objections from the Board.

Krohn presented a funding request from the Community Action Partnership of Nebraska's Immunization Program. They requested \$15,000 for operating expenses. The last time they requested funds was 2006. The Board requested that recognition of Two Rivers' support of the program be documented in the written materials, ads, etc of the Immunization program if funding is provided. **Monter motioned to approve the funding request. Second by Bragg. Roll call vote. Ayes All. Motion carried.**

Krohn presented an H1N1 vaccine update. No vaccine has been received in the Two Rivers' District at this time. A big thank you to the Two Rivers' medical community, emergency management and schools in assisting with the planning and distribution of the H1N1 vaccine and to the Two Rivers' staff for all of their hard work!!!

Krohn reported that Plum Creek Medical Group has been working to provide sentinel physician Influenza like Illness data to DHHS and the CDC using their electronic medical records. This is close to being accomplished and they will begin automatically sending the Sentinel Provider reports to the CDC and DHHS very soon. Two Rivers will also be included in a pilot project which will allow us to send out our own local Health Alert Network (HAN) messages using the State's system. The Two Rivers Annual Report has been submitted to the State. The Board all received a hard copy. They will also be distributed to the County Boards.

Krohn requested Board representation at the PHAN Conference in Kearney on October 8th for the SALBOH meeting from 1:30 to 4:30. If any Board Member wants to attend, Two Rivers will pay for their registration.

Krohn updated the Board on staff changes. Kim Ryan has been hired as one of the Department's Public Health Nurses. She will start in November. Lindsey Wendt is a UNK Intern that will be with the Department for the semester. She is a communications major. Creighton University will be sending the Department a Pharmacy Intern during the month of November. She will spend part of her time with Two Rivers and part with Central District Health Department in Grand Island.

New Business: Board of Health Members whose terms expire in January 2008: Kerrey Teetor, Dale Loschen, Lana Bennet, Rodney Metzger, and Fernando Baranco. Teetor, Metzger, and Bennett all agreed to serve another term. Krohn will contact the others who were not at the Board meeting.

Krohn informed the Board that instead of taking Arbor Day as a holiday, the staff was given a floating holiday. This will be used on Monday, December 28th.

The next Board of Health meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010 in the conference room in the lower level of the Johnson Center.** Supper will be served at 5:30 pm.



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Pierce adjourned the Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Elwood".

Amy Elwood
Assistant Director/Emergency Response Coordinator