

Crawford County Board of Health  
Committee Meeting  
AMENDED Minutes  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Roll Call: Chairman, Gari Lorenz, Wayne Jerrett, Jr., Pat Dearth, Karen Reilly, Jane Schaaf, Amanda Schultz, Dan McWilliams, Cindy Riniker, Sharon Steele, Mckayla Ruechel (Student Nurse)

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lorenz. Riniker verified posting of agenda. Motion by Schaaf to approve agenda & minutes of previous meetings, second by Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**- Thirty six people showed up for agenda item - Resolution requesting that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations and pass and approve 2019 Assembly Bill 248. Sixteen people addressed the Board. Some handed out information. All were against passing the resolution.

**Budget Updates** – Dan McWilliams gave a budget update. The full county budget came up over \$1,000,000 short. The County requested \$250,000 be cut from our budget. The money for this cut came for the public health disaster fund and the HSD fund. Clarification came from the State explaining the public health disaster fund should have been spent when received and should be returned to the county.

**Mosquito Contract** – Joey Writz came back to the Board with a contract option of an initial check and one recheck for 7 communities (Gays Mills, PDC, Soldiers Grove, Wauzeka, Eastman, Ferryville and Seneca). Total contract came to \$4305.00 which is below our budget amount of \$4500.00. Motion by Schaaf to extend contract with Driftless Region Vector Control LLC, second by Dearth. Motion carried unanimously

**Strategic Plan/CHIP updates** –Cindy shared the activities that fit into the strategic plan and CHIP that we have been doing since August. We will continue to share this information at our BOH meetings.

**Agency Updates**

- Sharps container – Cindy continues to investigate sharps disposal. We would like to see this be a community effort.
- Communicable disease update – Cindy gave update and passed around the report.
- Environment – Cindy addressed 7 dog bites (1 sent for rabies testing); 2 cat bites (1 sent for rabies testing). Both tested negative. She also completed 2 lead investigations and provided education; and has had complaints on bedbugs, mosquito issues, bats, and mold issues
- Sanitarian prospect – It is too late to become Full Agents this year. Dan McWilliams and Cindy Riniker will meet with DATCP in January to prepare to start as Full Agents in 2021.
- A Letter of Agreement with Seneca Schools was signed for us assist them with limited school nursing during a medical leave (approximately 8 hours per month).
- Cindy Riniker and Michelle Breuer will be covering the mental health clinic during a

- medical leave.
- Vaping Update - As of November 12<sup>th</sup> there has been 2172 cases of lung injury in all states except Alaska and 42 deaths. Vitamin E Acetate, THC, and Nicotine have all been identified as toxins.
- There is an Hepatitis A outbreak in 32 states with over half of the people being hospitalized.
- There is an outbreak of measles in New York.
- Cindy continues to work with Russ at the jail to get inmates vaccinated.
- 5 PDC students and 4 Wauzeka students were exposed to mumps at an FFA convention in Indiana. All the students were vaccinated against mumps.
- As of November 9<sup>th</sup> there has been 109 positive flu cases with six deaths in Wisconsin

**Personal Conviction Waiver Resolution** – Cindy read the Resolution requesting that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations and pass and approve 2019 Assembly Bill 248 and explained that counties in Wisconsin are being asked to support this resolution. If resolution passes Board of Health it would move on to the full County Board before going to the legislators. The job of the Board of Health and Health Department is to protect community health. Cindy explained current law and explained waivers. Right now our vaccination rate in schools is 95%.

Mckayla Ruechel (Student Nurse) also spoke explaining the history of vaccination and how vaccination improved public health. She also explained vaccinations are best tested medical product.

The committee discussed and felt right now our vaccination rate is acceptable. If the rate drops to an unacceptable level, we could revisit the resolution. Board members felt we need to continue to educate the public on immunizations.

Dearth made a motion to not support the resolution, Schaaf seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Bills** –Motion by Jerrett to approve bills, second by Lorenz. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Schedule Next Meeting**

- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Adjourn**

- Motion by Schaaf to adjourn, second by Dearth. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele