

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2010

Board Members Present: Faye Tetzloff, Dennis Wedde, Jean Durch, Patty Krug, Curt Nyenhuis, Margaret Wood, Lowell Haugen, Patti Wohlfeil, Suzanne Oehlke, Nathan Luedke, Nancy Eggleston, Glenda Madlom Sue Kunferman, Joe Salzman, Jeff Kindrai, Mary Cay Freiberg, Jen Rombalski and Mary Halada.

Absent: Jim Stecker, Tommy Schneider, Courtenay Johnson, Carol Quest, and JoAnn Weidmann.

Also Present: Sarah Beversdorf, Eric Ostermann (phone)

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Co-President Faye Tetzloff at 8:30 AM. Faye requested two items to be added to the agenda: the Raw Milk bill and the 140 Administrative Rule. Haugen/Freiberg move to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried

Secretary Report. Wedde/Tetzloff moved to accept the December 11 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Rombalski/Wedde moved to accept the amended report noting the change per Mary Halada. Motion carried. Mary requested regional representatives remind their members to pay their dues by March.

New Business

a. Management Services Evaluation: This is the same form used in past evaluations. There were no suggestions for changes. Eric will send out the evaluation to board members to be completed and results will be discussed at the February meeting.

b. Outline process for developing 2010-2012 Strategic Plan: Eric explained the process in the past and it was felt there should be no change in the process. The decision was made to discuss and develop the plans at our February and April in person meeting. The meeting time will be adjusted. Board members should plan to meet from 10 - 2 with lunch to be provided. Eric and Faye will discuss the RSVP process for the lunch order.

c. SACCHO winter meeting: The meeting is planned for March 15-17th in Washington DC. There may be some expense reimbursement. Faye will review her schedule to see if she can attend the meeting.

Updates:

a. Public Health Funding Study Committee: Eric explained to the committee the process and purpose of a legislative committee. He read for the committee the scope for the proposal of a public health funding legislative study. Hoven is currently searching for representatives from the legislature to sign on as sponsors.

b. AB229- the Pickle Bill: Eric reported there was a hearing yesterday. Testimony was provided per the recommendation of the Public Affairs committee. The recommendation was not to

support or oppose the bill at this time but to identify some improvements to the bill. The bill currently removes the requirement of a food processing license if the processor makes less than \$5000. The committee referenced the MMWR related to consequences of mishandling potential hazardous foods.

The committee recommends that food processors must attend a state approved food handlers training course, provide the procedures and recipe for their product to reviewed by a trained professional and labeling of ingredients due to potential food allergens.

Raw Milk Bill: The organization currently opposes this bill and is working with other organizations and coalitions who also oppose this legislation. The strategy is to currently impress upon the leadership in both senate and assembly to move this bill to the health committees which would be more appropriate than the current committees who have been assigned to address this bill.

Staff Updates: to be addressed later in the meeting.

Chapter 140 administrative rules: This is being reopened due to the referencing of 2010 plan as the tool to evaluate local health departments. Faye wanted to assure we have representation by WALHDAB on this committee. The current invitees for the committee are those who were previously on the committee. Sue Kunferman is the only current board member on the committee. Faye reviewed the members on the committee and the board felt there was great representation of health departments. Sue said there will be public hearings in each region for comments.

Regional Reports:

Northern: Seth Foldy was at the meeting and provided responses to issues raised at a meeting earlier in the year. He informed us of his list of projects he would like to accomplish this next year.

Northeastern: They meet next week.

Southern: They met last week and discussed H1N1 vaccine.

Southeast: They are meeting every other month by webcast. They reviewed their processes with H1N1 clinics. The regional offices have been working with LHD's and Managed Care Organizations to assist with streamlining MOU'S related to billing for services

Western: They met in December and some of their membership was meeting now. They reported on the issues in Trempealeau County with the health and human services merger. Margaret Schmelzer is at their meeting and will discuss the Chapter 140 review process.

Section Reports:

Nutrition: WIC will be using recovery monies for hardware replacements for projects. WIC will be completing a feasibility study to increase online education for participants. Child Nutrition Act did bring in dollars for peer BF counseling programs and 14 new projects were initiated this year. Wisconsin will be moving forward to complete a pilot project for WIC utilizing an EBT card such as FoodShare and removing paper trail. FIT families finishing the 3 year project.

EH: They continue to be involved with informing the public on issues related to the pickle and

raw milk bill. They will be meeting in Wisconsin Dells on the 21st.

Lab Section: no report

Other Reports:

Annual Conference: Margaret and Sarah have been working on ideas targeting BOH members for the annual conference and the process they will use to receive input from BOH members to get them to the conference.

Sarah reported the Survive and Thrive grant has been submitted. Nathan has agreed to narrate the PowerPoint developed for WALHDAB.

NACCHO: None

NALBOH: January 21st SALBOH meeting is planned. Mary Cay will send to Faye information they sent out for National Immunization week. It is noted the state has sent out materials.

Other Business:

a. Faye requested we add to the agenda under committee reports the Public Health Practice Research Network. They had their first teleconference yesterday and plan to meet as a group January 29th.

Adjourn: Freiberg/Haugen move to adjourn at 9:50 am. Motion carried. The next meeting is on February 12 in Stevens Point. **Time change: 10-2.**