

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 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, Courtenay Johnson, Jeff Kindrai, and Jim Stecker.

Absent: Tommy Schneider, Carol Quest, JoAnn Weidmann, Joe Salzman, Mary Cay Freiberg, Jen Rombalski and Mary Halada.

Also Present: Sarah Beversdorf, Eric Ostermann

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Co-President Faye Tetzloff at 10:00 AM. Patti requested the addition of a report from the Workforce Development committee. Wood/Haugen move to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried

Secretary Report. Nyenhuis/Durch moved to accept the January 8 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Kunferman/Stecker moved to accept the January report as presented. Motion carried.

New Business

a. County Health Rankings: Eric reported NACCHO has developed sample press releases for the county health rankings. He will work with UW Population Health to develop sample releases specific for Wisconsin.

b. Board of Health Member Survey Results: Sarah and Margaret reported on the results related to potential topics at the annual conference. The conference committee has contacted NALBOH for a representative to present at the annual conference to address the top ranking categories.

c. Management Services Evaluation: Faye reviewed the results of the evaluation as presented at the meeting.

Regional Reports:

Northern: They are meeting on Feb 25th.

Northeastern: Rachel Gallagher, DPI school nurse provided a presentation and members at the meeting support the concept of a minimum BSN requirement for school nursing. An FBI representative from the Weapons of Mass Destruction gave a presentation.

Southern: The members are currently in the process of signing MOU's for the new emergency preparedness consortium and discussed H1N1 school based clinics.

SouthEast: They are meeting every other month by webcast. Their first meeting by webcast went well with a few technical issues. They discussed H1N1 activities.

Western: They discussed H1N1 activities and the western regional office response to H1N1.

Their members are pooling some of their monies together to do media spots. Discussion involved the current situation in Trempealeau County related to the health department reorganization with human services.

Section Reports:

Nutrition: Fit Families project will be presenting at the annual conference, National WIC Association and APHA meeting. There has been additional monies allocated for Friendly BF initiatives by public health.

EH: A report was provided on their recent meeting and the legislative issues that are currently being addressed by their organization. The annual WEHA conference is planned for April 14 and 15th in Marshfield.

Lab Section: A report was provided on their last meeting, their strategic plan and objectives, updating the lab section on the WALHDAB website and UW Oshkosh Environmental Health program has been approved.

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference: Patti reported speakers and breakout sessions are arranged. They had numerous requests to present for breakout sessions. The vendors have been contacted to be present for the conference. The annual business meeting will be held during a luncheon in hopes we will have more participation.

Public Affairs: Patti presented to the committee the legislative grid. Eric updated the committee in reference to various bills. It was noted that there are numerous attempts to introduce legislation quickly right now that may not be in the best interest of public health. Eric updated us on the request for the legislative study for public health funding.

Awards: A reminder to review and nominate members for these awards.

Nominations: Jean and Faye will contact current members to run for open offices.

Wisconsin Workforce Development Workgroup: Patti provided a report related to the objectives of this group. This project is chaired by the Rural Health Cooperative. An example of their recent work has been the required survey that was to be completed by all nurses who renewed their licenses due in February. Sarah reported a survey is planned for labs.

Other Reports:

Wisconsin Public Health Practice Based Research Network: They have held one teleconference. Faye will provide the board with minutes.

HAI (Hospital Acquired Infection) Prevention Network: Faye reviewed the attached minutes.

NACCHO: None

NALBOH: None

Strategic Planning:

Eric and Sarah initiated the process for the members present. It was decided due to time

constraints of today to have an in person meeting in March devoted to our strategic plan discussion.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn: Wohlfeil/Tetzloff move to adjourn at 2:05 pm. Motion carried. The next meeting is on March 12 in Stevens Point. **Time: 10-2.**