

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2009

Board Members Present: Faye Tetzloff, Dennis Wedde, Jean Durch, Patty Krug, Joe Salzmann, Curt Nyenhuis, Margaret Wood, Lowell Haugen, Patti Wohlfeil, Suzanne Oehlke, JoAnn Weidmann, Mary Cay Freiberg, Jim Stecker, and Carol Larson

Absent: Nancy Eggleston, Glenda Madlom, Tommy Schneider, Sue Kunferman, Carol Larson, Courtenay Johnson, Nathan Luedke, Carol Quest, and Mary Halada.

Also Present: Sarah Beversdorf, Eric Ostermann

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Co-President Mary Cay Freiberg at 10:00 AM. Haugen/Wood move to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried

Secretary Report. Tetzloff/Nyenhuis move to accept the October 9 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Stecker/ Nyenhuis move to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Action Items and Updates

a. WPHA-WALHDAB Memorandum of Understanding-Eric explained the changes in the contract. The changes are:

1. Section 10-WPHA assumes all financial responsibility of the conference.
2. Section 11-clarifies the formula for reimbursement to each organization related to the annual conference. The first \$15,000 in next earnings are retained by WPHA; the following \$13,000 is split equally among WPHA and WALHDAB; and the remaining earnings are retained by WPHA.

b. Appoint UW MPH Program Advisory Committee Member-Melody Bockenfeld has been representing us but can no longer serve in the capacity. The commitment for the meeting is quarterly. Faye will assist Eric with finding someone.

c. Staff report: See Attached to agenda

Sarah provided an update on website. She can send out the revisions or we can review at the next meeting. She reported an additional charge will be incurred if we want audio with the powerpoint. The suggestion was made if we can add a counter to the website to see how many people are accessing the site. A request was made to obtain costs for adding audio to the site. The suggestion was made to have an evaluation tool on the website in reference to their impression, ease to navigate, etc.

The specialty sections have increased the amount of information on the website. Sarah has begun the process of obtaining information related to the history of the organization. Sarah has connected with DPH on obtaining information related to health department and board members. They will continue to work together to avoid duplication of requests for this information.

The board manual has been posted on the website under the board section. It is in 10 sections because it was too difficult to post as one document. Mary Young has been contacted and is very open to further discussion in reference to our participation in the new health officer orientation.

Additional items:

1. Evaluation of Lobbyist Services (attachment)-completed by Public Affairs committee. A motion was made by Tetzloff/Weidmann to approve the contract. Motion carried.

2. Health Care Reform-Action alerts have been sent by NACCHO to Eric this week requesting individuals contact their congressional representative thanking them for their vote approving health care reform this past week. Eric will send out an email with addresses and a sample letter for our congressional delegation that we should send as requested by NACCHO.

3. State Health Plan 2020-The second FAST team meeting have been completed. The teams are reviewing comments and refining the objectives. Faye commented she participated on the governmental FAST meeting and it was suggested WALHDAB take the active lead in this area. Jean stated the data team does not have a lot of ph representation. She noted we need to assure we have systems to improve governmental ph information as well operability with clinics, hospital etc..

4. Public Health Funding Study Committee-Michael from Hoven is working with the Public Affairs committee to develop a document and begin the process for sponsorship in the legislature. Joe suggested Senator Jauch as a potential sponsor.

Regional Reports:

Northern: The next scheduled meeting is December 2nd but agencies have had discussion about H1N1 activities.

Northeastern: They met yesterday with presentations by Diane Christiansen from preparedness and Claude Gilmore-mental health and discussed H1N1 activities.

Southern: They have elected a new president and discussed H1N1 activities.

SouthEast: They met this week. They are planning to do Microsoft live meeting in December and wanted to know if prohibited in the bylaws. This would be acceptable per the bylaws by the board. They also discussed H1N1 activities.

Western: They have had discussion on H1N1 activities.

Section Reports:

Nutrition: The WIC and Peer Breastfeeding Counseling contract amounts for 2010 have been released. WIC agencies are continuing to address H1N1 concerns. WIC will be reviewing the feasibility of utilizing EBT cards for families.

EHS: No Report

Lab: No Report

Other Reports:

Annual Conference: The board will review the Save the Date document at our next meeting. The annual conference dates are May 25-27, 2010 in Middleton. The committee will be asking for input from board of health members as to what presentations would make them want to attend the annual conference.

NACCHO: Correspondence noted earlier under Health Care Reform.

NALBOH: There will be a SALBOH conference call committee meeting on November 19, which Mary Cay will participate. Jim Stecker has been appointed to the bylaws and finance committee which are held by phone conference.

Adjourn: Wohlfeil/Wedde move to adjourn at 9:42 am. Motion carried. The next meeting is at Portage County Health Department on December 11, 2009.