ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. HEALTH DEPARTMENT – 3328 N. U.S. HIGHWAY 51 JANESVILLE, WI 53545 (ACROSS FROM SPORTSMAN'S PARK)

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adopt Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes December 2, 2015
- 4. Citizen Participation
- 5. Unfinished Business
- 6. New Business
 - A. Administrative Division
 - (1) Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds/Encumbrances
 - (2) Health Department Report
 - (3) Resolution To Create the Position of Community Health Education Coordinator, Create a Class Description, Establish a Pay Range, and Amend the 2016 Budget
 - (4) Resolution Accepting Taking Action with Data: Use of the Environmental County Health Profiles to Improve Environmental Health in a Community Grant and Amending the 2016 Rock County Public Health Department Budget
 - B. Environmental Health
 - (1) Rock County Public Health Department Drinking Water Lab
 - C. Public Health Nursing
 - (1) Nursing Division Presentation
- 7. Communications and Announcements
- 8. Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the Board of Health meeting, **please** contact the Public Health Department (757-5440) or Ms. Kraft at (608) 751-6249. Thank you.

ROCK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LIST OF BILLS FOR 1/6/16 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Account No.	Vendor Name	Item(s) Description	\$ Amount
		Consolidated Contracts – Preparedness Grant	
31-3001-0000 63110	- Lands End Business Outfitters	shirts for RCHD staff with RCHD logo	1,698.00
21 2021 0000		FIMR Grant	
31-3031-0000 63110	Daniels Sentry	refreshments for 12/16/15 AASAT meeting	17.77
Health Dept.	Main Budget		
62119	LB Med Waste	sharps & medwaste disposal	79.96
63100	Henricksen	varidesk adjustable desk top	468.26
63200	Matthew Wesson	reimburse for Registered Sanitarian license renewal	107.00
64000	PaxVax	30 doses oral typhoid vaccine	1,290.00
64010	Culligan	December 2015 deionizer rent	35.00
64604	POC Network Technologies	November 2015 claim transaction fees	96.00
64904	Control Company	calibration of 2 vaccine storage digital thermometers	77.00
67161	Rhyme	Sharp multi-function copier with fax	5,129.00

COMMITTEE APPROVAL REPORT

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Inv Date	Vendor Name		Inv/Enc Amt
31-3000-0000-62119	OTHER SERVICES	P1500207	11/18/2015	LB MEDWASTE SERVIO	CES	79.96
	Budget 3,500.00	YTD E 2,109	•	YTD Enc 900.00	Pending 79.96	Closing Balance 410.59
31-3000-0000-63100	OFC SUPP & EXP	P1503590	11/20/2015	HENRICKSEN		468.26
	Budget 10,500.00	YTD E 8,668		YTD Enc 0.00	Pending 468.26	Closing Balance 1,363.54
31-3000-0000-63200	PUBL/SUBCR/DUE	S	11/16/2015	WESSON,MATTHEW		107.00
	Budget 5,888.00	YTD E 3,910		YTD Enc 150.00	Pending 107.00	Closing Balance 1,720.25
31-3000-0000-64000	MEDICAL SUPPLIE	S P1500194	12/03/2015	PAXVAX INC		1,290.00
	Budget 145,000.00	YTD E 114,111	-	YTD Enc 3,229.85	Pending 1,290.00	Closing Balance 26,369.02
31-3000-0000-64010	LAB SUPPLIES	P1500202	11/27/2015	CULLIGAN WATER CO	NDITIONING IN	35.00
	Budget 12,500.00	YTD I 10,366	•	YTD Enc 0.00	Pending 35.00	Closing Balance 2,098.46
31-3000-0000-64604	PROGRAM EXPEN	ISE P1500208	11/30/2015	POC NETWORK TECH	NOLOGIES INC	96,00
	Budget 1,500.00	YTD E 1,402	•	YTD Enc 0.00	Pending 96.00	Closing Balance 2.00
31-3000-0000-64904	SUNDRY EXPENS	E P1503634	12/01/2015	CONTROL COMPANY		77.00
	Budget 5,000.00	YTD I 3,132	•	YTD Enc 200.96	Pending 77.00	Closing Balance 1,589.89
31-3000-0000-67161	CA \$5,000/MORE	P1503607	12/11/2015	RHYME BUSINESS PR	ODUCTS	5,129.00
	Budget 5,129.00	YTD (Exp 0.00	YTD Enc 0.00	Pending 5,129.00	Closing Balance 0.00
		HEALT	1 DEPARTME	NT PROG TOTAL	7,282.22	
31-3001-0000-63110	ADMIN.EXPENSE	P1503649	12/02/2015	LANDS END BUSINES	S OUTFITTERS	1,698.00

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2015...

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Inv Date	Vendor Name		Inv/Enc Amt
	Budget 371,132.00	YTD E 238,329	,	YTD Enc 1,334.81	Pending 1,698.00	Closing Balance 129,769.45
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31-3031-0000-63110	ADMIN.EXPENSE	P1500198	12/16/2015	DANIELS SENTRY		17.77
	Budget 150,000.00	YTD E 83,597	•	YTD Enc 5,569.00	Pending 17.77	Closing Balance 60,816.06
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I have examined the preceding bills and encumbrances in the total amount of

\$8,997.99

Claims covering the items are proper and have been previously funded. These items are to be treated as follows: A. Bills and encumbrances over \$10,000 referred to the Finance Committee and County Board.

- B. Bills under \$10,000 to be paid.
- C. Encumbrances under \$10,000 to be paid upon acceptance by the Department Head.

Date:	JAN 0 6 2016	Dept Head	
		Committee Chair	

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COMMITTEE APPROVAL REPORT

12/29/2015

Pre-Approved Encumbrances

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12/29/2015

Pre-Approved Encumbrances

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Inv Date	Vendor Name	Inv/Enc Amt
Claims covering the A. Bills and encumb B. Bills under \$10,0	rances over \$10,000	have been preferred to the	previously fun ne Finance Co	ided. These items are to be tre ommittee and County Board.	ated as follows:
Date: JAN 0 6 2016	į.	De	pt Head		
		Committe	e Chair		

	RESOLUTION NO	AGENDA NO
	RESOLUT ROCK COUNTY BOARD	
	Board of Health INITIATED BY	Amy Spoden, Human Resource Manager DRAFTED BY
	County Board Staff Committee SUBMITTED BY	December 1, 2015 DATE DRAFTED
	TO CREATE THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY CREATE A CLASS DESCRIPTION, ESTABLISH BUDGE	H A PAY RANGE, AND AMEND THE 2016
1 2 3	WHEREAS, the Rock County Health Department requests deleted and a 1.0 FTE Community Health Education Coordinates and the control of the contr	that a 1.0 FTE Public Health Nurse position be inator positon be created; and,
4	WHEREAS, this change will help the Rock County Health and,	n Department promote community health initiatives;
7	WHEREAS, by promoting these initiatives, the Rock Coun health knowledge and health behaviors of the community; a	
10 11 12	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock day of, 2016 hereby approves the deletiposition of a 1.0 Community Health Education Coordinator establish Pay Range 22 (\$55,770.48-\$67,839.12) effective J	ion of 1.0 FTE Public Health Nurse, create the (Unilateral C), create the class description, and
	Respectfully Submitted,	
	BOARD OF HEALTH	COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
	Sandra Kraft, Chair	J. Russell Podzilni, Chair
	Louis Peer, Vice Chair	Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair
	Richard Bostwick	Eva Arnold
	Greg Addie	Henry Brill
	Dr. Dean Peterson, DVM	Betty Jo Bussie
	Dr. Keith Konkol	Mary Mawhinney

Louis Peer

Alan Sweeney

Terry Thomas

Eric Gresens, RPh

Connie Winters, DDS

Judith Wade

TO CREATE THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION COORDINATOR Page 2 $\,$

FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funds are available in Health Department 2016 budget for the cost of this position.

Sherry Oja Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The Jounty Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sec. 59.22 (2), Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey & Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith

ounty Administrator

Community Health Education Coordinator Position Executive Summary

Reducing the leading causes of preventable death and disability, with special emphasis on underserved populations and health disparities – this mission is the perpetual "North Star" for local health departments (LHD). How LHDs achieve this mission has changed significantly over the past decade. Local Health Department focus has moved toward the reduction of providing personal health services and increased focus on emergency preparedness, epidemiology and surveillance, and primary prevention through education. Additionally, there is an increase in collaboration with other agencies and community partners. This new focus characterizes a new role for health departments as the "chief strategists" for a community. Health departments as chief strategists will lead communities' health promotion efforts by catalyzing, conducting, supporting, and sustaining health protection and promotion activities in partnership with health care clinicians and leaders in widely diverse sectors, including social services, education, transportation, public safety, and community development.

These changing and expanding LHD roles require new and different skills among members of the LHD workforce. Local public health departments serve as the unique and essential component of an integrated health system that looks out for the population as a whole rather than focusing on the health outcomes of the individual alone. In response to the new challenges and opportunities, we must assume greater accountability for the design and development of the overall strategic plan for improving health in Rock County. To do this, we must identify, coordinate, implement and evaluate cost-beneficial prevention programs and activities that do not use public health budgets to provide services that can be provided through health care providers and facilities. We must also ensure a workforce that meets modern demands.

The goal of community-based public health is to increase the quality, availability, and effectiveness of educational and community-based programs designed to prevent disease and injury, improve health, and enhance quality of life. Health educators play a strong role in helping advance this goal. Health educators offer knowledge, skills, and training that complement others whose work impacts human health. Training in core competencies of public health allows health educators to be an asset to the growth and future work for community—based public health workforces. All efforts of a health educator are geared toward examining and influencing the health outcomes of groups of individuals. Health educators advocate for policy that promotes health equity, access to health care, and the ability to make healthy choices. They use skills that help promote population health and positively impact the health outcomes of all community members.

For local public health practice, the scope and content of work to be performed as well as strategies for addressing public health issues are continuously evolving. The Rock County Public Health Department has been undergoing a strategic planning process to inform and guide the department in organizing and structuring the programs and services offered in Rock County. Additionally, the strategic planning process will serve to identify staffing gaps and serve as a template for performance improvement and more effective workforce development. A vacant public health nurse position has presented the opportunity to address the changing public health environment and scope of work as well as align with strategic planning by converting this position to a community health education coordinator position. This proposed change will be cost neutral in the 2016 budget.

Our current staff, including the nurses, feel that health educators should be an essential part of our team, bringing new skill sets to the agency that will enhance our efforts in population-based health. Many LHDs in Wisconsin employ between one and five health educators. Outagamie and Winnebago counties, as well as the City of Milwaukee currently have open Health Education Coordinator positions. Wood, Pierce, and Oneida counties recently filled similar positions.

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POS	ITIO	N DESCRIPTION	1. Position Control # 644	2. Department, Division and Unit (if applicable) Public Health
3. Nam	e of Emp	ployee	J. Comments of the comments of	4. Unit, Work Address
1		Title of Position		
Comn	nunity	Health Education Co	ordinator	7. Name and Class of Former Incumbent
6. Class	s Title O	ption (to be filled out by Hu	ıman Resources)	
8. Depa	ırtment V	Vorking Title of Position		9. Name and Class of Employees Performing Similar Duties
				New
10. Nar	ne and C	lass of First-Line Superviso	or	11. From Approximately What Date Has The Employee Performed the Work Described Below?
Healtl	h Office	er		
12. Doe	s This P	osition Supervise Subordina	ate Employees in Perma	anent Positions?
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Time %	Priority		Goal	ls / Worker Activities
35%	A	assessment and pla strategies, identify and create monitor 2. Lead the design an community partner	ealth planning expendenting process, set of public policy and a ring and evaluation and application of corrs, members, and starts.	rtise to successfully complete the community community health improvement goals/objectives/action options, develop programs based on evidence, plans.
		_		vidence-related community health assessment and esources related to new and emerging methods.

Time %	Priority	Goals / Worker Activities
35%	В	Assist in developing and/or designing of materials and programs to support specific public health program goals and objectives
		1. Develop public health educational materials, systemic approaches for their delivery, and evaluation of their effectiveness.
		2. Provide support in the development, implementation, and evaluation of specific educational programs and materials to meet identified needs in the community.
		 Develop and deliver targeted, culturally appropriate health promotion and disease prevention materials, curriculum, and awareness campaigns.
		4. Identify "Community Champions" and develop and foster working relationships.
		5. Lead the development and preparation of proposals for funding from external sources for health promotion and disease prevention initiatives and programs.
15%	С	Public health communications.
		1. Prepare and assist in preparation of department's communication and publications including media interviews, press releases, reports, website content, and updates.
		2. Assist in the preparation of annual and other reports.
10%	D	Supervise Community Health Education Programming and staff
	1	1. Coordinate, guide, and supervise Community Health Education work assignments and ensure all projects are completed in a timely manner.
:	ļ	2. Conduct train-the-trainer sessions and identify/provide learning opportunities for other Departmental staff.
		3. Conduct ongoing and annual health education staff evaluations.
5%	E	Performs other duties as assigned
5. Know	ledge, S	kills and Abilities (KSAs)

4. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Proficiency in Microsoft programs including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, etc.
- Working knowledge of public health theory, human psychology, social sciences, behavior change theory social marketing theory, and principals of health education and promotion, including adult education methodology
- Working knowledge of community health planning
- Knowledge of community organization and resources
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Excellent creative and technical writing skills
- Ability to exercise leadership
- Ability to work independently and interdependently
- Ability to collect, organize and analyze data, as well as to identify significance of findings and effectively report findings and recommendations
- Ability to conduct effective meetings and facilitate group process
- Ability to plan, conduct and evaluate effective education, training and marketing programs
- Ability to plan, organize, prioritize, implement and evaluate work
- Ability to work effectively with multidisciplinary personnel, health agencies, community organizations and coalitions, communities, families and individuals
- Ability to use the computer and a variety of software programs effectively
- Ability to work effectively with people of different ages, cultures, readiness to learn, and learning styles

16. Job Requirements

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelors degree in health education or a closely related field from an accredited college or university. Masters in Public Health preferred
- Three years work experience in community health preferred.
- Experience in analyzing and assessing community health needs and data.
- Valid driver's license
- Motor vehicle in working order
- Community Health Education Specialist certification preferred.
- Bi-lingual (Spanish) preferred.
- Maintain prompt and regular attendance.

17. Essential Job Functions (physical elements, equipment use and working conditions)

5. PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

- Work involves walking, sitting, standing, bending, twisting, turning, carrying, pushing, pulling, grasping, reaching and driving.
- Lifting and carrying up to 25 pounds is not uncommon.
- Work hours may include some evenings and/or weekends to accommodate community events
- Work related to public health emergencies may require availability 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Working conditions may vary in relation to cold, heat, fatigue, etc.

18. Supervisory Section - To Be Completed By the First-Line	Supervisor of this Position
a. The supervision, direction and review of the work of this po	osition by the supervisor is close general minimal
b. The statements and time estimates above and on attachmen	ts accurately describe the work assigned to the positions.
Signature of First-Line Supervisor	Date
19. Employee Section - To Be Completed By the Incumbent of	this Position
I have read and understand that the statements and time estimate assigned my position. (Please initial and date attachments.)	tes above and on attachments are a description of the functions
Signature of Employee	Date
20. Signature of Human Resources Manager	Date
21. Distribute Copies of Signed Form to:	
Human Resources Personnel File	Employee Department File

RESOLUTION NO.	AGENDA NO.
RESOLUTION NO.	AGENDITIO

RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Health INITIATED BY

Board of Health SUBMITTED BY



Timothy Banwell DRAFTED BY

January 6, 2016 DATE DRAFTED

the 2010 Ros	ck County Public	Health Departme	ent Budget
WHEREAS, there are an estim visitors depend on our commun	ated 13,000 private w ity's ground water for	ells in Rock County drinking water; and	and all our citizens and
WHEREAS, Rock County Hea Wisconsin Department of Healt Drinking Water Nitrate Risk Tr	h Services for Establis	d for and was award shing a Foundation fo	ed a grant from the or an Educational Online
WHEREAS, this is a nine mon 2016; and	th grant at \$10,500, be	eginning November 2	2, 2015 and ending July 31,
WHEREAS, this grant will pla groundwater contamination and	n and assist in develop educating citizens on	ping a tool for unders protecting their drin	standing sources of king water supply.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT I assembled on this County Health Department to a Drinking Water Nitrate Risk Tr	day of ecept this Establishing	, 2016 does here a Foundation for an	eby authorize the Rock Educational Online
County Public Health Department			,
Account/Description Source of Funds	Budget <u>1/1/16</u>	Increase (Decrease)	Amended <u>Budget</u>
31-3028-0000-42100 Federal Aid <u>Use of Funds</u>	-0-	\$10,500	\$10,500
31-3028-0000-63110 Administrative Expense	-0-	\$10,500	\$10,500
31-3028-0000-63110	-0-	\$10,500	\$10,500
31-3028-0000-63110 Administrative Expense	-0-	\$10,500	\$10,500
31-3028-0000-63110 Administrative Expense Respectfully submitted,		\$10,500	
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31-3028-0000-63110 Administrative Expense Respectfully submitted, BOARD OF HEALTH Sandra Kraft, Chair		Louis Peer, Vice Cha	ir

Accepting Taking Action with Data: Use of the Environmental County Health Profiles to Improve Environmental Health in a Community Grant and Amending the 2016 Rock County Public Health Department Budget Page 2

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a \$10,500 in Federal Aid for Nitrate risk tracking. No County matching funds are required.

Susan Balog

Assistant Finance Director

Susan Balog

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2016 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to $\sec A65.90(5)(a)$, Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith County Administrator Accepting Taking Action with Data: Use of the Environmental County Health Profiles to Improve Environmental Health in a Community Grant and Amending the 2016 Rock County Public Health Department Budget Page 3

Executive Summary

Rock County has a known problem with nitrates in groundwater as identified by the Wisconsin Environmental Public Health Tracking Program and data collected by the Rock County Health Department Water Testing Laboratory. The Rock County Health Department has established a strong groundwater testing program and continues to strongly promote private well testing. Educational information is provided to citizens on nitrate health risks and options to reduce their risk based on their nitrate test results. This project is looking to go beyond typical scope of just identifying the problem and relaying the health risks. This project is looking to spatially identify major sources of nitrates contributing to the health risk, land-use activities that may be increasing the nitrate risk, and geologic conditions that significantly contribute to elevated nitrates in the groundwater of Rock County. This project will provide for a better understanding of the nitrogen balance in the groundwater of Rock County. Ultimately, it is hoped that this project will provide the foundation for establishing an online Nitrate Risk Tracking Tool that would greatly assist in educating well users, nitrogen source contributors, well professionals, and policy makers to the cause and effect relationship of the well water nitrate issue in Rock County.

This 'Nitrate Risk Model' approach has been initiated in other parts of the country (State of Washington) but has not been utilized in Wisconsin to promote a better understanding of the cause and effect relationship of the nitrate groundwater issue. With this grant, the Rock County Health Department will lay the foundation for development of an online Nitrate Risk Tracking Tool that will assist the community in determining where nitrate risks exist in the county and potential factors as to why the risks are high in certain geographic regions. Decisions on determining future private well locations and well depths would be assisted by information provided by this tool. Practical applications can also be applied to local land use and public well planning.