

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**February 4, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kraft at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Kraft, Supervisor Peer, Supervisor Addie, Supervisor Bostwick (left at 7:03 PM), Dr. Winter, Dr. Konkol. Mr. Gresens, R.PH, and Ms. Wade, WHNP

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Peterson

Staff Members Present: Karen Cain-Health Officer; Tim Banwell-Environmental Health Director; Janet Zoellner – Public Health Nursing Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; Deborah Erickson – Nursing Supervisor North Office; Elizabeth LaBelle-Administrative Secretary

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**Adopt Agenda**

Supervisor Bostwick and Dr. Winter made a motion to adopt the agenda. MOTION APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes 12/3/14**

Supervisor Peer and Dr. Konkol made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/5/15 Board of Health meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation**

Edgewood college students shared their purpose for attending the meeting was to gain insight into the role of the Board of Health in setting local public health policy.

**Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

**New Business**

**Administrative Division**

**Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds/ Pre-Approved Encumbrance**

Ms. Wade and Mr. Gresens made a motion to approve the bills for January 2015. MOTION APPROVED.

Supervisor Peer inquired the bill paid to King Consulting for \$10,000. Health Officer Cain explained that this is a component of the FIMR Grant. King Consulting provides cultural competency services. Nursing Director Zoellner stated all of the funding for this service is paid for by the grant and the \$10,000 is all of 2015.

Supervisor Peer inquired the total amount of the FIMR Grant. Nursing Director Zoellner stated \$150,000 is receive per year for three years.

Supervisor Bostwick and Dr. Konkol made a motion to approve the Encumbrance to increase the credit card funds from \$5,000 to \$5,589.00. This is utilized to pay for training, education, and dues/subscriptions. MOTION APPROVED. There were no questions on transfer of funds.

### **Health Department Report**

Health Officer Cain updated the Board of Health on the measles outbreak. At this time, there have not been any reported cases in Rock County. This week, Nursing Director Zoellner was on the radio/newspapers sharing information on the measles vaccine to the public. If someone is exposed to the measles and unvaccinated, they must remain in isolation for 14 days. The State of Wisconsin is working on developing procedures for teachers and developing preliminary action plans to be prepared if measles cases occur in Wisconsin. Health Officer Cain stated that communicable disease follow-up is mandated by the state to counties and amount of resources utilized is significant. Association of Health Officers and Association of County Boards have suggested that 5 million be included in the state budget for communicable disease follow-up. Currently, funding is not provided. Rock County Health Department spends approximately \$86,000/year for communicable disease contact and follow-up. Potential contacts are followed up on as well. Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) make up a majority of communicable disease follow-up and are typically completed within 2-3 weeks. Diseases such as measles or TB are very contagious and follow-up time can be significantly longer.

Supervisor Bostwick inquired the percent of students in Rock County that are not vaccinated. Nursing Director Zoellner stated that 76% of 6 year olds have received the 2 doses of MMR. To reach herd immunity, 90% vaccination is needed. Measles is airborne and 90% of unvaccinated people will get the measles if they come in contact with the infection. Mr. Gresens asked if the Health Department has seen an increased number of those receiving vaccines due to the outbreak. Nursing Director Zoellner stated that in Rock County we have not seen an increase, however, nation-wide there could potentially be an increase. Supervisor Bostwick shared that California has experienced an increase in vaccinations due to pressure on schools from parents. Health Officer Cain stated that this outbreak has caused a 'turn of the tides', in that parents are putting pressure on parents with non-vaccinated children and nationwide some pediatrician offices have refused to see people who have not been vaccinated. Supervisor Addie inquired that day care policies. Nursing Director Zoellner explained that the licensed facilities have to report to the Health Department.

Health Officer Cain shared that the new DEA enforcement changes have increased the cost and time consumption for law-enforcement. Law enforcement has been supportive but the new laws (drop box located on police property, storage of controlled substances on police property) have made it difficult for the drug collection program to operate efficiently. The Health Department bears the cost of the disposal of the drugs collected through the Prescription Drug Collection Grant, however, is looking into different ways to fund the program. The Health Department will be partnering with Tony Farrell to establish a collaboration with other organizations such as pharmacists, police, and hospitals. It is being investigated to have the hospitals work collaboratively to store of the collected drugs. Health Officer Cain, Janesville Police, and Mercy are meeting later this week to discuss potential plans and solutions. The grant money has decreased this year compared to prior years, so it is time to look for alternate ways to run the program. Health Officer Cain will provide an update at the next meeting.

Health Officer Cain provided an update to the Board of Health on the potential cancer cluster in Clinton. It was been confirmed by the State Epidemiologists that it is not a true cancer cluster, but a rare occurrence. County Administrator, Josh Smith, will be attending the Health Department staff meeting this month to receive

feedback from the staff on what they would like to see in a new Health Officer. Health Officer Cain provided an update on the Beloit Memorial High School Pool. The Health Department is meeting with the state week to discuss pool variances and developing a 'life guard plan'. Supervisor Peer inquired if there is a liability form that parents could sign. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated that is something he would have to check with Corporation Counsel.

Health Officer Cain informed the Board of Health of State Departments that are merging. At this time, the Health Department does not know how the changes and mergers will affect us.

#### Summary on Mergers/Changes:

- Department Health and Family Services (DHS) will now be a part of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
- Body art, tattoo, and tanning facilities will be moved to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS)
- DATCP will set fees for state reimbursement.
- Private on Site Waste Water Treatment program (septic) will be transitioned from DSPS to DNR. This may influence funding for the WI Assistance Program.

The Health Department will be writing for an asthma grant through WI Partnership Grant. Through our Environmental Health 'Healthy Home Assessments', the Health Department has encountered an increased level of people with asthma problems. This will enable the Health Department to form a coalition with community to investigate where the asthma problem lies in Rock County and select an area to investigate. The Health Educator will be submitting the letter of intent by March 6. Dr. Winter asked since we are aware there is a problem, would this focus on trying to find factors to decrease asthma? Health Officer Cain explained that the first stage is assessing and collaborating with community partners to see where we can make a difference. Such as, childhood asthma, educating families, referrals, etc.) This grant has two stages, with the first being planning and secondly implementation.

Chair Kraft shared with the Board of Health highlights from the WI County Association 'Governor Budget Meeting' and the potential impacts for Rock County. Chair Kraft then provided the Board an update on the recruitment for a new Health Officer. The deadline for applicants has been extended to February 13, 2015. Human resources will do the initial screening, County Administrator and Subject Matter Expert (SME) from the State will conduct second round screening, and the Board of Health will provide input at the finalist interviews. The goal is to have finalists selected by early March.

### **Environmental Health**

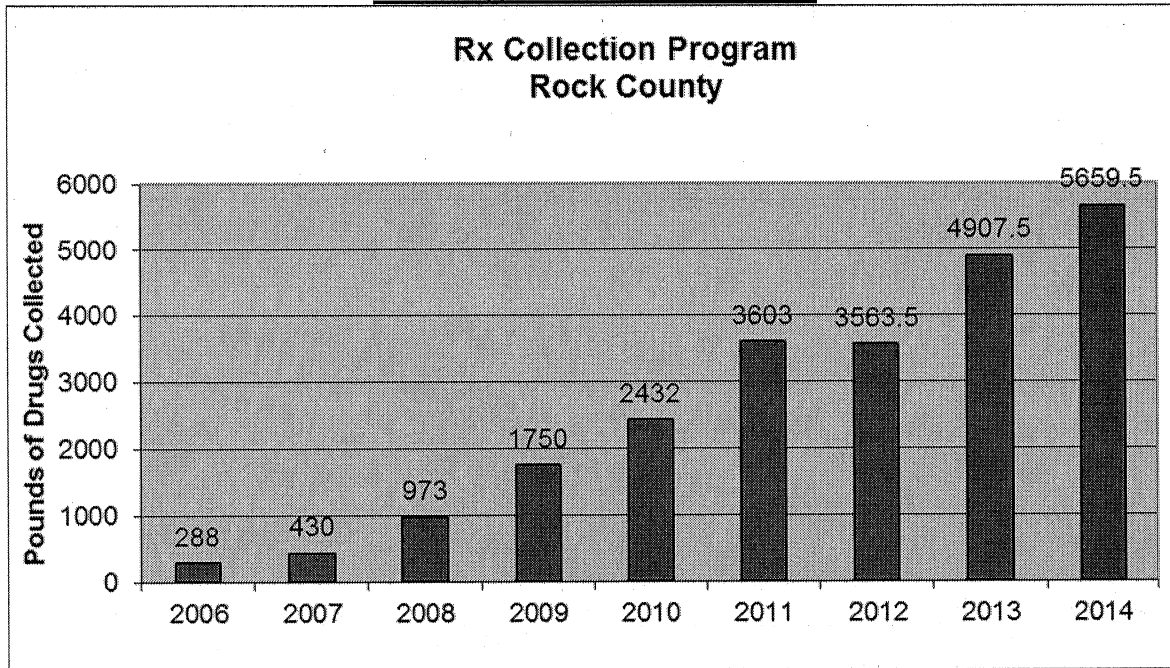
Environmental Health Director Banwell presented to the Board of Health on RX program costs and trends. As mentioned above in the Health Department Report, there has been some changes to the DEA regulations. This report served as a follow-up.

The following page includes a summary of the report.

# ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

February 4, 2015

## Rx Program Cost & Trends



### Estimated 2014 Rx Disposal Costs

2014 Rx Collection Weight (lb.)	5660
Total Disposal Cost	\$13,923
Cost of Containers (75)	\$2,693
Total Program Costs	\$16,616
Cost Per Pound	\$2.94

### Projected 2015 Rx Collection Costs

Estimated Collection Weight (lb.)	6288
Total Program Costs	\$18,460

### Local Government Resources Held in Reserve

Annual Budget	
Beloit	\$500
Janesville	\$1,000
Rock County Health Dept	\$500
Total	\$2,000

American Transmission Corporation Account	\$6,000
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## **Department of Agriculture Annual Clean Sweep Grant**

2015	\$6,100
2014	\$5,000
2013	\$5,500
2012	\$6,800
2011	\$6,225
2010	\$3,100

## **Public Health Nursing**

Nursing Director Zoellner provided mid-grant update (year 1.5 of 3) to the Board of Health on the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team (FIMR) Grant.

FIMR is a grant funded opportunity to systematically learn more about infant death in our county. The agency was funded for 3 years at \$50,000 per year by the Wisconsin Partnership Project, in collaboration with the Beloit Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families.

Overview: Infant mortality in the county

Components of the grant:

1. Form a multidisciplinary professional team to serve as a FIMR
2. Gain permission from clinical providers and community service providers to assemble the information needed to produce a de-identified report for the team.
3. Develop the process for public health nurses to interview family members to gain insight about the loss, then combine the interview results with the clinical and service results, take all identifiers of the patient and clinical providers out and prepare the report for the team.
4. Meet quarterly with the FIMR team.
5. Sort through the insights of the FIMR team and compile the results.
6. Form a team of African American community members from Beloit to serve as the African American Services Advisory Team (AASAT). This team is directed by the health department in association with the cultural competency advisor hired by the project, Tammie King of King Consulting Services, LLC.
7. Meet quarterly with the AASAT team and provide them the insights gathered from the FIMR team, reflecting on additional insights that they may provide as members of the African American Community.
8. End result of both teams is to identify gap areas in the county where we could be doing a better job of preventing infant death and, for those deaths that are not preventable, do a better job of caring for the families affected.

Team Meetings:

FIMR Team and AASAT Team have met 3 times each.

Early insights were shared with the Board, as were local data about infant mortality in all populations.

**Communications and Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Wade and Mr. Gresens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth LaBelle, Recorder

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