



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 2, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Peer at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Peer, Supervisor Gramke, Supervisor Rynes, Supervisor Homan, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Winter, and Dr. Somaraju.

Board of Health Members Absent: Mr. Gresens and Ms. Wade.

Staff Members Present: Marie-Noel Sandoval – Health Officer; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Amanda Wilder – Environmental Health Specialist; Caitlin Turkowski – Public Health Nurse; Kelsey Cordova – Community Health Education Coordinator; and Jessica Turner – Administrative Services Supervisor.

Others Present: Terri Carlson – Risk Manager, Rock County; and Jodie Surber – Analyst, Rock County.

Adopt Agenda

Dr. Winter made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Homan seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 9/4/19

Supervisor Rynes made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/4/19 Board of Health meeting. Supervisor Gramke seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Chair Peer set a thirty minute time limit for citizen participation and three minutes per person for section 4 in this meeting and as a general rule for future meetings.

Citizens and new Rock County Public Health Department employees introduced themselves and told the Board about themselves. Ms. Carlson is the Risk Manager for the Courthouse. She reviews insurance policies and contracts. Ms. Serber is the new Analyst in the County Supervisor's Office. Ms. Turkowski is a new Public Health Nurse. She was formerly a nurse case manager for Hospice. Ms. Cordova is the new Community Health Education Coordinator. She has a Master's Degree in Public Health and a focus in communicable and infectious disease.

Chair Peer asked the Board members to let him know if there is something that is getting a lot of community attention.

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's September payments in the amount of \$10,421.15.

Transfer of Funds over \$5,000

None at this time.

Set Meeting to Discuss Budget

Chair Peer proposed that the regular meeting times be kept. Ms. Sandoval suggested setting a meeting time in case it is needed to discuss the proposed budget. The Board unanimously chose December 16th at 6pm as the next meeting time.

Health Department Report

In the News

Ms. Sandoval shared a Janesville Gazette article about monarch butterflies at Supervisor Homan's home. Supervisor Homan added that there were thousands of butterflies on his property for about two weeks.

Ms. Sandoval discussed the severe lung disease cases that have been in the news. Nationwide there have been 805 cases with 12 deaths in 10 states. The cases have been linked to vaping a THC solution with 15% nicotine. There have been 60 cases in Wisconsin affecting 26 counties. Fourteen of the cases are currently being investigated. All four of Rock County's surrounding counties have cases. There have been none in Rock county yet. The outbreak is complex and ongoing. There were about 34 cases last month. The Board members discussed the rumors surrounding vaping online and in the student population.

Ms. Sandoval informed the Board members that equine encephalitis cases have been reported. There are usually five to ten cases reported annually nationwide. So far this year, 30 cases have been reported with nine horse deaths in the United States. This disease is transmitted by mosquitos. Dr. Somaraju explained the symptoms. Ms. Sandoval and Dr. Somaraju explained the two step process of transmission from horses to humans. Ms. Sandoval said there is a vaccine for horses, but unvaccinated horses and humans that contract the disease will die. The Board discussed other vaccines and the importance of getting vaccines. Ms. Sandoval added that the first stage of mosquito that transmits has been identified in our lab but not the second stage.

Surveillance

Ms. Sandoval reported that five suspect active tuberculosis cases and six latent tuberculosis cases were reported.

Community Events/Outreach

Ms. Sandoval told the Board that the Rock County Public Health Department attended a variety of events including Fiesta Italiana, the Rock County Senior Fair, the Beloit Senior Fair, and the low-cost Rabies Clinic. The Rabies Clinic had 304 attendees.

Budget

Ms. Sandoval said the 2020 budget has already been discussed with the Administrator. Ms. Sandoval said she has gotten several phone calls with questions.

Personnel

According to Ms. Sandoval, Ms. Wade has submitted her resignation from the Board of Health. Ms. Sandoval said two candidates out of Beloit have been identified. One is a pediatrician and the other is an obstetrician.

Ms. Sandoval reported that Kelsey Cordova started as the new Community Health Education Coordinator on September 9th. A new nurse, Nichole Peplinski, is starting on Monday. She has worked for three other local health departments. The Public Health Supervisor and open Public Health Nurse positions are on continuous recruitment. The Account Clerk position has closed and she will be interviewing people in a couple weeks.

Resolution: Requesting The Wisconsin Legislature End The Use Of Personal Conviction Waivers For School And Day Care Center Immunizations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2019 respectfully requests that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunization requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Wisconsin, Wisconsin state legislators, WPHA, WALHDAB, Wisconsin Counties Association, and other organizations as appropriate.

Supervisor Rynes made a motion to accept the resolution. Supervisor Gramke seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Resolution: Accepting United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 'Additional' Training Grant and Amending the 2019 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2019 does hereby authorize the Rock County Public Health Department to accept this grant in the amount of \$2,275, and amend the 2019 Rock County Public Health Department Budget as follows:

Account/Description	Budget 1/1/19	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
31-3041-0000-42100			
Contributions	-0-	\$2,275	\$2,275
Use of Funds			
31-3041-0000-63100			
Administrative Expense	-0-	\$2,275	\$2,275

Supervisor Gramke made a motion to accept the resolution. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Rabies Presentation

Ms. Wilder gave a PowerPoint presentation on Rabies in Rock County (see attached). The Board members discussed the rabies clinic, bat population, rabies exposure, and symptoms of rabies. Dr. Somaraju explained that rabies vaccination in humans is post exposure, the incubation period is two days to two years, all humans that contract rabies die, and there is no treatment. She explained that it is not only transmitted from a bite. It could be transmitted through saliva or urine. She added that there is a pre-exposure vaccine that is available to high risk individuals.

Communications and Announcements

Chair Peer gave some general guidance to the Board members for future meetings. He said that citizen participation is not meant to be a discussion. The Board should listen only.

Ms. Sandoval announced that Nick Zupan, the Public Health Department's Epidemiologist, and his wife had baby Juniper on Monday.

Adjournment

Supervisor Rynes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Homan seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Turner, Recorder

Not Official Until Approved by the Board of Health

Rabies in Rock County

Amanda Wilder
Environmental Health Specialist III
10/2/2019

What is Rabies?



Rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease. It infects the central nervous system and causes disease in the brain. It can spread to people and pets if they are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal. Once a human begins to show signs and symptoms of the disease, medical treatment will not work.

In Wisconsin, skunks and bats are by far the most likely to carry the rabies virus, although rabies also has occurred in dogs, cats, foxes, raccoons, and livestock.

Animal Rabies Diagnosed in Wisconsin, 2014 - 2018

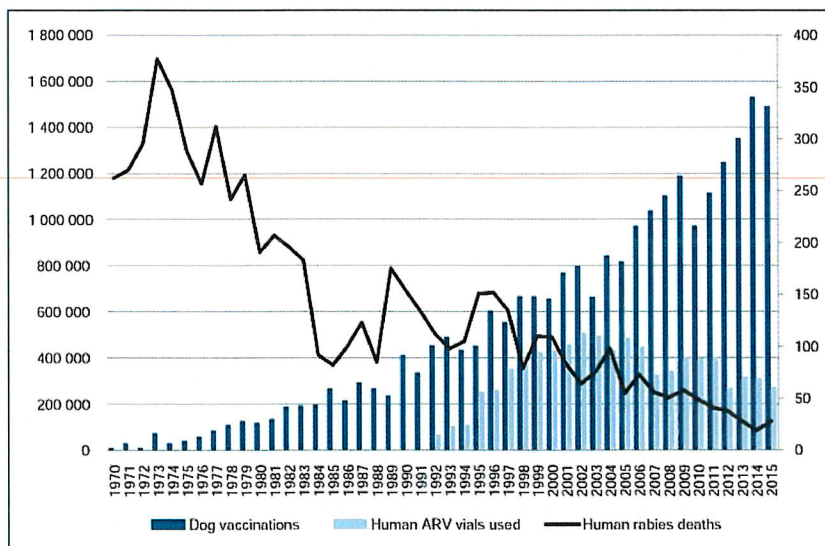
Animal Rabies 2014 to 2018 (n=126*)



*Cases by Species: 2014 to 2018

Bat: 123
Cat: 1 (2017)
Cow: 1 (2015)
Fox: 1 (2014)

Dog Vaccinations vs Human Deaths

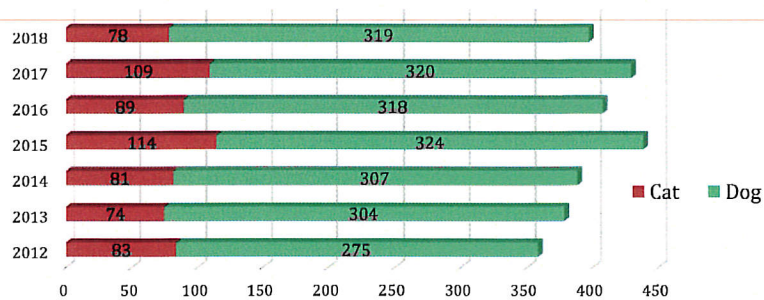


What will happen if my dog or cat bites someone?

This is what will happen...	Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated
An officer* will order the animal quarantined for a period of at least 10 days after the bite and issue an Animal Bite Order Form.	Mandatory quarantine and owner must show a valid rabies certificate or tag	Mandatory quarantine if owner cannot show proof of vaccination
Animal must be isolated within 24 hours of bite	Can be at home in strict isolation; if not possible, animal may be ordered to an isolation facility	Must be held at a designated isolation facility
Examined by a licensed veterinarian	At least 3 times; on the first day, on the last day and one day in between; only time animal can leave the home	At least 3 times; on the first day, on the last day and one day in between
Quarantine can be released if the veterinarian certifies that the animal has no signs of rabies	Yes, but if animal displays signs of illness, veterinarian must be notified immediately	Yes, but if animal displays signs of illness, veterinarian must be notified immediately
Quarantine may be extended if the clinical signs warrant	Yes, but rare	Yes, but rare
Rabies vaccination is given AFTER the observation period	Not applicable	Yes
Animal shows signs of rabies during observation period	Animal is humanely euthanized and brain sent to SLOH for testing	Animal is humanely euthanized and brain sent to SLOH for testing
Owner is responsible for all costs related to the quarantine action	Yes, 3 vet visits	Yes, isolation facility charge, vet visits, rabies vaccination

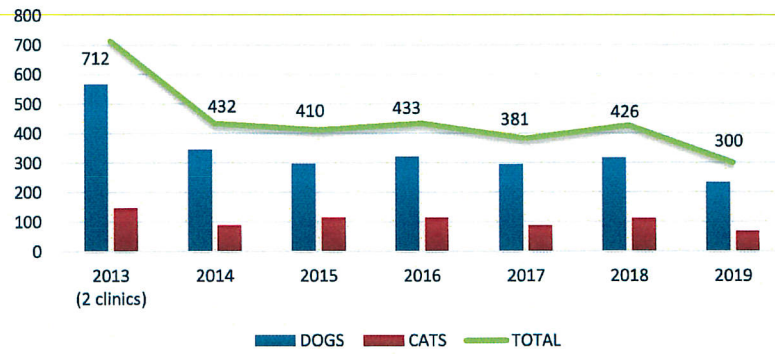
*An officer can be a public health official, law enforcement officer, DNR warden or humane officer.

2012-2018 Rock County Animal Bite Orders Issued

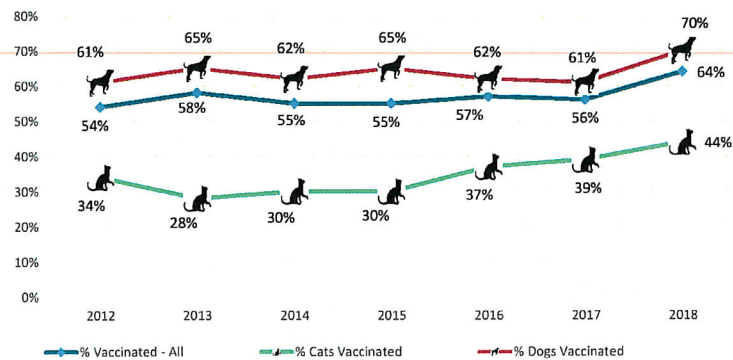




Rabies Clinics - Vaccinations Given



Animal Bite Order Vaccination Rates



REFERENCES

<https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/index.html>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rabies/data.htm>

Rock County GIS Database

WI DATCP – WI State Sec 95.21 – Rabies Control Program

Questions??

THANK YOU!

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