

CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
Monthly Board Meeting
April 24, 2012

PRESENT: Sharon Buhr, Chair
Dr. James Buhr, Secretary
Cindy Schwehr
Tom Overn, Vice Chair
George Dutton

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Theresa Will, RN, Director
Angie Martin, CCHD Office Mgr.
Mary and Mikal Simonson, PH Service Award honoree and husband
Brad Cruff, Assistant BC States Attorney
Kay Metcalf, Open Door Center
Willamae Monson, guest of honoree

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Sharon Buhr, Chair, in the County Commission room in the Barnes County Courthouse.

AWARD PRESENTATION: City-County Health District and the Health Board honored Mary Simonson, director of the Open Door Center in Valley City, with the 2011 Public Health Service Award.

AGENDA: Under New Business add: 5) NALBOH 6) Other. Agenda approved with changes.

MINUTES: Dr. Buhr moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 22, 2012 meeting as printed. Second by Overn. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the Director's Report. Sharon Buhr questioned how the proposed Community Health Assessment and Planning will fit in with ACHIEVE. Will hoped most of the ACHIEVE partners would also participate on the Barnes County Health Care Network. Other potential involvement is unknown at the present time. Buhr also suggested submitting an article to the Times-Record regarding the AED web tracker. Will clarified that hours she spends regarding the Tobacco Executive Committee are hours beyond her regular director duties.

VOUCHERED EXPENSES: Schwehr moved, Dutton seconded a motion to approve the vouchered expenses for April/May. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS: Achieve grant: Will noted that there was nothing new regarding Achieve this month.

Outreach grant: Will is scheduled to meet with Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND on May 18. Dr. Dwelle, NDDoH, is reviewing the database to see if he can glean more information out of it. BCBS is interested more in bringing Chronic Disease Management to the worksite and younger people who are more apt to make needed lifestyle changes to manage their disease(s). This would mean that CCHD would likely transition current older CDM clients back into public health home care in the future.

NEW BUSINESS: 2012 County Health Ranking discussed. The rankings are compiled through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin. In 2012, Barnes County ranked 2nd in Health Outcomes and 5th in Health Factors. In 2011 we ranked 2nd and 7th respectively, and in 2010 we were 5th and 16th. Health Outcomes consist of Mortality (length of life) and Morbidity (quality of life). Health Factors include health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and physical environment. Will also noted that six communities nationwide will be awarded a \$25,000 prize for accomplishments aimed at population health improvement. These prizes are being awarded through the Rural Assistance Center under the sponsorship of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Will has been approached by Robin Iszler of Central Valley Health District in Jamestown, who suggested the CDM program might be a focus for applying. Theresa will look further into applying.

Program evaluations were discussed as follows:

- Public Health Home Care: There were a number of changes in this program from 2010 to 2011. Will noted that several public health home care clients were moved to the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) program and all VA clients were moved from certified home health to public health within the past two years, accounting for the net gain of \$8,465 (this could change again next year if funding for the CDM program is not awarded to CCHD). The VA client moves primarily involved decreased paperwork. Will hopes to approach Medicare within the next three years regarding reimbursement for CDM services.
- Certified Home Care: Net gain of \$5,939 will differ from cost report numbers.
- Flu: One of CCHD's biggest revenue sources. Net gain of \$26,174. School flu shot clinics discussed.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon discussed. It will be held Wednesday, May 9, from noon to 1 p.m. in the OPS room. Health Board members were invited to attend.

New policies/forms:

- Maintenance for Helmer refrigerator/freezer units
- CCHD Vaccine Policy Statement. Discussion regarding parents who want to make up their child's vaccination schedule on their own rather than follow CDC recommendations.

Dr. Buhr moved to approve both policies as written. Second by Dutton. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Will discussed the NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) scholarship which will pay for first-time members (Health Board members) to attend the national conference. It will be held in Atlanta, GA Aug. 8-10. CCHD would pay for any additional expenses for any Board member interested in attending. Responsibilities of scholarship recipient(s) discussed. No Board member expressed interest in attending.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. **The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 4 p.m. in the County Commission room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Buhr, Secretary