

Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness
Board of Health Meeting
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Board President, Jane Nitchals, called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m. at the offices of the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness, 701 Olson Drive, Ste. 101, Papillion, NE 68046.

Roll Call:

Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder

Roll call states as follows: John Baroni – present; Dale Davenport – present; Dr. John Harris – present; Dr. Matt Neumann – not present (arrived at 5:35 pm); Jane Nitchals – present; Vicky Roberts – present; Dr. Jeffry Strohmyer – present; Dale Tedder – present; Jim Warren – present.

Staff Present: Dianne Kelly, Health Director; Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder; Cindy Ossino, School & Family Health Coordinator; Jane Husz, Sarpy/Cass Safe Kids Coordinator; Marilyn Larson, Safe Kids Project Assistant.

Guests Present: Bruce Lockwood, Professional Research Consultants (PRC); Janna Distefano, PRC; Kevin Noeckels, Midlands Hospital; Carol Maguire, Midlands Hospital; **Nursing Students:** Cathy Lowrey, Clarkson College; Hannah Paloma, Clarkson College; David Schulte, University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC); Jill Stahlecker, UNMC; Arnel Ramos, UNMC; Melinda Florido, UNMC; Lydia Kim, UMNC.

Approval of Agenda

Per the Open Meetings Act the agenda may not be altered after 24 hours prior to the meeting, unless an emergency arises.

Dr. Strohmyer moved, seconded by Tedder to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call states as follows: Baroni – aye; Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmyer – aye; Tedder – aye; Warren – aye.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Davenport moved, seconded by Roberts to approve the November 21, 2011 minutes as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Baroni – aye; Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmyer – aye; Tedder – aye; Warren – abstain.

Bruce Lockwood, Professional Research Consultants (PRC): Community Needs Assessment Results

The results that were presented by Mr. Lockwood can be found on the Department website at www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org.

Treasurer's Report

Deferred until March meeting

Director's Report

Kelly reported the following:

The new 5-year lease for the building has been viewed by both the Executive Committee and the Department attorney, Mike Polk. There will be no increase in rent for term of the new lease; Kelly will sign and return to the landlord.

The auditors used by the Department, Schliesmann, Onken & Associates, sent a three year engagement letter. After discussion, the BOH would like Kelly to solicit bids from other firms to do the annual audit.

Radon Awareness Month: 80 radon test kits have been given out at the office. Tedder noted that he was very happy about the amount of advertising that was done to get the word out to the community.

Scott Larson has been contracted as the facilitator for the February 27, 2012, Strategic Planning session for the BOH. There is a fee of \$300-\$400.

With the Legislature back in session, every Friday morning the local health directors participate in a conference call to discuss the bills that relate to public health. They are supporting the following:

Counties keep the inheritance tax.

LB 125: Creation of the Children's Health Advisory Committee

LB 436: Raise tax on cigarettes from .64 to \$1.99 per pack

LB 1123: Increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved areas, both rural & city.

LB 1047: Safe injection practices

LB 925: Requires HHS to set guidelines that money coming into the State, local agencies like health departments are to be given priority before looking out of State. This reflects back to the Every Woman Matters grant a few years back. HHS contracted with two out of State agencies to do the work.

Monitoring:

LB 267: Require a limit to the types of beverages purchased with the SNAP fund

LB 192: Require school districts to offer instruction in sex health education

Looking at:

LB 1038: Testing lead levels in children before they start school

There is one new active TB patient that Monica Ulses, Public Health Nurse. Dr. Strohmeyer gave kudos to Ulses for the great job she does for the Department.

Other Business

Nothing to report

Standing Committee Reports

A) **Nomination Committee:** Nothing to report

B) **Policy Committee:** Nothing to report

C) **Personnel Committee:** Nothing to report

D) **Program Committee:** Nothing to report

E) **Medical Director's Report:** Confirmed flu cases: 4;

Public Input

None

Information

A) Announcements: None

B) Correspondence: None

C) Next Meeting: March 26, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at the offices of the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness, located at 701 Olson Drive, Ste. 101, Papillion, NE 68046

Executive Session:

NA

Adjournment

Davenport moved, seconded by Tedder to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roll call states as follows: Baroni – aye; Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye; Tedder – aye; Warren – aye.

ATTEST:

Jane Nitchals, President
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

Matt Neumann, DDS, Secretary/Treasurer
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health