

**Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness
Board of Health Meeting
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Board President, Vicky Roberts, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.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: Dale Davenport – excused; Jim Engelkemier– present; Tricia Freeman – present; Dr. John Harris – excused; Joni Jones – excused; Dr. Matt Neumann – not present (**arrived at 6:20pm**); Jane Nitchals – present; Vicki Roberts – present; Dr. Jeff Strohmeyer - present.

Staff Present: Dianne Kelly, Health Director; Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder

Guest(s) Present: Dr. Cassandra Pietrok, DDS, Nebraska Mission of Mercy; Senator Tim Gay; Joan Engelkemier, Cass County resident; Roxanne Pfeifer, Department Accountant.

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.

Per Roberts, Monica Ulses, Public Health Nurse will be not be presenting due to illness.

Roll call states as follows: Davenport – excused; Engelkemier– aye; Freeman – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Jones – excused; Dr. Neumann – not present; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye.

Approval of January 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Strohmeyer moved, seconded by Freeman to approve the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – excused; Engelkemier– aye; Freeman – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Jones – excused; Dr. Neumann – not present; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye.

Presentation: Nebraska Mission of Mercy – Dr. Cassandra Pietrok, DDS

Nebraska Mission of Mercy (NMOM) is a group of dental professionals who provide free dental care in different cities in Nebraska. This year, NMOM will be holding a clinic July 10 – 11th at Papillion LaVista South High School. Dr. Pietrok expects up to 2,000 participants for this clinic, due to past clinic success in smaller towns, a maximum of 1,000 patients can be seen per day. Per Dr. Pietrok, participants do not need proof of residency or a lack of insurance. When asked how NMOM advertises a clinic like this, Dr. Pietrok said NMOM provides advertising through the American Red Cross, news media and dental clinics. They are also looking for 300 volunteers. Note: The Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness staff will be volunteering and providing games for children through Sarpy/Cass Safe Kids.

Presentation: Nebraska Legislature Issues, Senator Tim Gay

Senator Gay provided insight to the following Health and Human Services Bills:

LB 346: Require the Department of Health & Human Services to provide services relating to children's behavioral health and adoption and guardianship families: This is the main bill being presented to the Legislature.

LB 367: (Gloor) Change health care certificate of need provisions: One specific doctor would oversee all aspects of a patient's health care. Gay believes that this will work best in rural areas in Nebraska.

LB 458: (Harms) Provide for vocational training for public assistance recipients: In the past, people getting an education and who received government assistance were only paid up to 12 months and then assistance was discontinued. This bill would give up to 3 years to allow the person to further their education and then go into the job place.

LB 489: (Sullivan) Adopt the Area Health Care Education Centers (AHEC): Allowing these groups to be funded with State general dollars. Federal money has always been used for these groups.

LB 601: (Nordquist) Provide for a Medicaid waiver for community based mental health services: This bill would save the general fund up to \$2 million dollars next year. Applying for this waiver would allow the State to take 40% general fund money to leverage the 60% federal money to save money.

LB 603: (Health & Human Services Committee) Adopt the Behavioral Health Workforce Act and provide funding: Gay explained that this Bill would work with the Nebraska Medical Center to create a psychiatric residency program, creating two new residencies per year for a total of eight.

Freeman expressed concern over the regulations public pools are mandated to follow. Discussion ensued on that topic.

Treasurer's Report:

Dr. Neumann informed the BOH that he has been working with Pfeifer to change the format of the report.

Engelkemier moved, seconded by Nitchals to approve the Treasurer's report with the format change. Davenport – excused; Engelkemier– aye; Freeman – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Jones – excused; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye.

Director's Report:

Kelly gave the BOH members an updated brochure the Department just had printed.

Kelly has met with the Administrators from the new UNMC facility in Bellevue. They have expressed an interest in working with SCDHW to assure that there are no duplication of services.

Kelly asked if the BOH members had any questions related to the new BOH policies she emailed out to everyone. No response.

The CD at Murray State Bank has been renewed and is collateralized.

Per Kelly, she and Dr. Neumann have met regarding a monetary donation to NMOM. Dr. Neumann made a motion to donate \$10,000 to NMOM; the motion was amended by Freeman to donate \$50,000; the motion was amended to a one time donation of \$20,000.

Engelkemier moved, seconded by Dr. Neumann to give a one time donation of \$20,000 to the Nebraska Mission of Mercy clinic at Papillion LaVista South High School. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – excused; Engelkemier– aye; Freeman – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Jones – excused; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye.

Other Business: Freeman would like to get more information regarding regulations on pools in Sarpy and Douglas Counties. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Nothing to report

Policy Committee: Nothing to report

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Strohmeyer informed the BOH of the excellent job(s) done by Monica Ulses and Dianne Kelly with disease surveillance.

Public Input: None

Information: None

Next Meeting: June 1, 2009, at 5:30pm, at the offices of the offices of SCDHW.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – excused; Engelkemier – aye; Freeman – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Jones – excused; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye.

ATTEST:

Vicky Roberts, President
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

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