

## CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

### Monthly Board Meeting

April 23, 2013

- PRESENT:** Sharon Buhr, Chair  
Dr. James Buhr, Secretary
- Tom Overn, Vice Chair  
Madeline Luke
- ABSENT:** Cindy Schwehr
- ALSO PRESENT:** Theresa Will, RN, Director  
Betty Olson, Admin. Services Coordinator
- CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Sharon Buhr, Chair, in the County Commission room in the Barnes County Courthouse.
- AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as printed with the addition of 5) Chemical Dependency Counseling
- MINUTES:** Overn moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting as printed. Second by Luke. Unanimous vote, motion carried.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the Director's Report. Will informed the Board that the Medicaid administration fee for vaccines increased from \$13.90 to \$20.99.
- VOUCHERED EXPENSES:** Luke moved, Dr. Buhr seconded a motion to approve the vouchered expenses for April/May. Unanimous vote and motion carried.
- FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial report was reviewed.
- OLD BUSINESS:** Achieve grant: Nothing new to report at this time.
- CDM update: Will reported that she will be working with Dr. Mark Strand re: how to track the data from the CDM program – and how best to show how public health is making a difference to the clients we serve.
- Public Health Legislative update: Will updated the board regarding the regional network funding – which was funded at \$700,000. The ND Department of Health budget which contains state aide for local public health departments hasn't been finalized yet, and the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control budget will go to the full House soon.
- CCHD Facilities: The Board is looking into different possibilities where CCHD could expand in space and privacy. One of the possibilities is moving into the Community Credit Union building. The building has not been appraised as yet and not yet officially on the market.
- NEW BUSINESS:** Annual program evaluation for the Jail was reviewed:
- Jail. Total staff time cost: RN time – 361.50 hours in 2012 = \$12,291. Revenues: \$12,291. Net program revenue \$0. Dr. Buhr stated that Julia Anderson, RN does a terrific job and is very efficient as the jail nurse.

County Health Rankings: Will gave each board member a copy of the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps – 2013 Ranking for North Dakota. Barnes County ranked #2 in Health Outcomes and #6 in Health Factors among the 53 ND counties. Health Outcomes are based on an equal weighting of mortality (length of life) and morbidity (quality of life), while Health Factors rankings are based on health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and the physical environment.

Environmental Health: a handout was reviewed regarding environmental services that are being conducted and are available in our area. Dr. Buhr asked in light of the recent fertilizer plant explosion in Texas, what safeguards were in place and who is responsible for their monitoring in our area. Will will check with Marcie Beta and/or state health department regarding this information.

New Forms/Policies: no new policies/forms at this time

Chemical Dependency Counseling: Luke relayed her concern regarding chemical addiction counselors are not available in Barnes County. If someone needs counseling they have to travel to Jamestown or Fargo, which may be very difficult for clients. Will stated that South Central Human Service Center is short 3 licensed addiction counselors and overall the State of ND is short a total of 18. ND needs to change legislation as the state requires 500 hours practicum (without pay) to become licensed, and when they do become licensed ND pays lower wages and we lose many counselors to other states. Luke suggested we talk to Larry Robinson, State Senator, and make sure he is aware of the shortage of addiction counselors and that none are coming into Barnes County at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Unless there is urgent business, no May board meeting is planned at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Buhr, Secretary