

CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Special Monthly Board Meeting

Jan. 4, 2017

- PRESENT: Sharon Buhr, Chair
Dr. James Buhr, Secretary
- Tom Overn, Vice Chair
Cindy Schwehr
- ABSENT: Mike Bishop
- ALSO PRESENT: Theresa Will, RN, Director
Heather Schwehr, Tobacco Prevention & Cessation
Angie Martin, Office Manager
- CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by Sharon Buhr, Chair, in the CCHD conference room.
- AGENDA: Agenda approved as printed.
- NEW BUSINESS: Resolution to Support the Continuation of ND Tobacco Control Program: Will shared with the Board that Gov. Dalrymple's 2017 proposed budget would eliminate the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control. The Governor's proposal would take \$1 million from the Tobacco Trust Fund and place it in the General Fund, earmarked for local public health unit state aide (this would keep local public health state aide at the current funding of \$4.25 million/biennium). His proposal also takes \$3 million from the Tobacco Trust Fund and puts it into the Department of Health budget for local public health tobacco prevention. Local Public Health currently receives \$8.6 million/biennium from the Tobacco Trust Fund which is used locally for tobacco prevention work. If Governor Dalrymple's proposal is accepted by the legislators, public health would receive \$5.6 million less in tobacco funding for the biennium. It was noted that the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control started in 2009. Being independent from the ND Department of Health freed it from political influence and they were able to use CDC best practice and science-based information for tobacco prevention. Heather Schwehr noted North Dakota is the only state fully funded by the CDC for tobacco prevention. She also noted:
- Ninety percent of smokers start before age 18.
 - E-cigarette use is skyrocketing in ND among youths.
 - Valley City adopted an e-cigarette ordinance in 2016.
 - Several businesses/offices are smoke free in Barnes County including city and county offices, Sheyenne Care Center, many areas of Parks and Rec. All Barnes County schools have adopted a comprehensive tobacco free policy.
 - Without the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control there will be a lack of enforcement for policies/ordinances.
- Board member Schwehr made a motion to approve signing the Resolution to Support the Continuation of the ND Tobacco Control Program. Second by Dr. Buhr. Unanimous vote, motion carried.
- ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be **Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 3:30 p.m.** in the CCHD conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Buhr, Secretary