

CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
Monthly Board Meeting
November 27, 2012

PRESENT: Sharon Buhr, Chair Tom Overn, Vice Chair
Dr. James Buhr, Secretary (came at 1:05 p.m.) Cindy Schwehr (left at 1:15 p.m.)
Madeline Luke (left at 12:45 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Theresa Will, RN, Director
Angie Martin, CCHD Office Mgr.
Vicki Rosenau, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator

Prior to the formal meeting, the Board viewed the new SACCHO video on public health activities in North Dakota. Several health districts (including CCHD) were featured in the YouTube video. CCHD's segment focused on immunizations/Tobacco A-A-R, nutrition/exercise, and community health. The video can also be accessed currently on the Central Valley Health District website.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by Sharon Buhr, Chair, in the County Commission room in the Barnes County Courthouse.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.

MINUTES: Overn moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 25, 2012 meeting as printed. Second by Schwehr. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the Director's Report.

VOUCHERED EXPENSES: Schwehr moved, Overn seconded a motion to approve the vouchered expenses for November/December. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was reviewed. Will reported that Home Health is now \$12,000 in the black, a \$16,000 turn-around from last month, primarily due to going back to the first of the year and allocating out the things that Home Health wasn't really doing but was being charged for such as Paula's time and in-services. These are still an expense, but not necessarily specific to Home Health, explained Will.

OLD BUSINESS: Achieve grant: Achieve gave a presentation before the Valley City Commission regarding sidewalks and health. It was informative and they also asked the city to start thinking about putting together a plan. Talked about Ninth Avenue NW. Achieve would like to see sidewalks on at least one side of the street citywide. Some property owners opposed to sidewalks due to the expense. Achieve will partner with the City regarding publicity and education.

Chronic Disease Management (CDM) update: Will is still working with Dr. Mark Strand, NDSU, regarding a proposed CDM research project. There is currently no grant money available for CDM. Will continues to work with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Department of Health. BCBS suggested working more with Medical Assistance

(Medicaid). Things are still in the works, but it is a slow process. If CCHD were to continue CDM, it would need to fund it either through county mills or spending down CCHD's cash reserve. Luke questioned what portion of the CCHD "pot of money" is needed to maintain the CDM program to take care of public health clients not covered by third-party payers. She suggested tracking the numbers for one year – is there a reduction in the number of ER visits? Overn made a motion to take money from the cash reserve for one year to fund expanded CDM services, beyond what is currently offered. Second by Schwehr. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

(The Board moved ahead to New Business at this point as Luke needed to leave the meeting early.)

NEW BUSINESS: Vicki Rosenau, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, discussed Measure 4, which bans smoking in all public places in North Dakota. The measure will be implemented as of Dec. 6, 2012. Rosenau suggested that it may still be beneficial to call for a city ordinance banning smoking in all public places in Valley City. This would back up the intent of Measure 4 in the event that the State Legislature ever opts to overturn or revise it. (Legislature could overturn/revise Measure 4 by a 2/3 vote within the first seven years and after that time, by a majority vote). Luke voiced opposition to proposing a city ordinance at this time, stating there might not be enough commission support since it may be viewed as being handled under the new state legislation. (Luke left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.; Dr. Buhr arrived at the meeting at 1:05 p.m.) Dr. Buhr made a motion to ask the City Commission, shortly after the implementation of Measure 4 on Dec. 6, for a "no smoking in public places" ordinance. Second by Overn. Following further discussion there was a unanimous vote and the motion carried.

(The Board returned to Old Business at this point.)

OLD BUSINESS: Community Health Assessment: The group will meet again on Dec. 11 in the Health Education Center at Mercy Hospital. The county survey has been completed and participants will go over the results at this meeting and then formulate a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

The Board discussed the Erma Overby Scholarship. A database is being compiled by Teresa Garrahy. It is hoped that the scholarship committee can get letters out before Christmas to solicit funding. Garrahy has contacted Lori Morehouse at Valley City State University about getting the letters out soon on the university's letterhead. The letter will be signed by Will and Sharon Buhr on behalf of the Overby Scholarship Committee. Will assured the Board that all work done was not done on CCHD paid time.

Public Health accreditation and strategic planning activities are underway at City-County Health. Will has talked with Dr. Donald Warren (NDSU professor in the public health master's program) about visiting with CCHD staff (and possibly ACHIEVE) regarding the role of public health in communities.

The SACCHO video on public health was discussed briefly. The video is available on the Central Valley Health District web site.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Due to lack of agenda items, there won't be a Health Board meeting in December. **The next**

meeting will be **Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013 at 3 p.m.** in the County Commission room.
Please note new meeting time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Buhr, Secretary