

**BAYFIELD COUNTY
HEALTH BOARD MEETING
Friday, December 11, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.**

Present: Jim Beeksma, Jim Crandall, Wayne Williams, Winefred Punjak. Grace Heitsch joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Absent: David Good, Dee Kittleson

Staff: Cathy Ekholm, Millie Lindsey

Others: Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Vice-chairperson Beeksma.
- 2. Approval of October 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2009 meeting minutes as presented was made by Williams; motion seconded by Crandall. Motion carried.
- 3. Possible Action to Move Agenda Items:** No items were moved.
- 4. Review of 2009 Budget:** The budget is looking good. We are not going over budget. The Board was informed that the budget does not contain the amendments to grants that were approved by the Health Board and the County Board back in October. It also does not contain the Public Health Emergency Response Grant (PHER) funds that were approved in October by the Health Board and the County Board. The Board questioned a few items that seemed to be going over budget. It was explained that things changed during the year to cause more expenses to be charged to those line items. Bottom line is that we will not be over budget. There was also concern that we may be having more expenses due to H1N1 activities. The Board was assured that those expenses would be covered by the PHER Grant. Also, the cost of H1N1 advertising would be split by all the community health care providers in the Ashland and Bayfield County area.
- 5. H1N1 Update:** We just received notice that the H1N1 immunizations are now open to anyone who wants to receive one. We will be posting this update to the website. The response from the target groups has been very poor. We are hearing people say that they have already had the disease and don't need to be immunized or that the disease is passed through the area so they don't need the vaccination. We are also hearing people are afraid to get the immunization because they feel it is not safe. We have done a little over 300 students in Washburn, Bayfield, South Shore and Iron River Schools this week. We will be doing Drummond School on Monday. When we sent out the permission slips the initial response from parents was very high but many parents have now rescinded their permission slips. Pandemics in the past have been shown to have three spikes. We have had two spikes so far. The fear is the third spike will happen at the same time as the seasonal flu peaks. There have been two laboratory confirmed cases of H1N1 in Bayfield County since September; one resulted in death.
- 6. Environmental Health**
 - a. Environmental Inspection Report:** There are a total of 488 licensed businesses in Bayfield County; up two from August. Lodging facilities have not been getting inspected annually as they should but we are hoping that now with two sanitarians we will be able to get them done. We are working with the Department of Agriculture with one of their facilities. An area meat packing plant had their license revoked by the Department of Agriculture. They can no longer wholesale their product which means they cannot sell

their products through grocery stores, etc. They have approached us for a retail license. With the retail license they can only sell their product on-site. We are working with the Department of Agriculture because we do not want to encounter the hostile environment that the Department of Agriculture did with their inspectors. We will always have two people going into that facility. There are some stipulations the Department of Agriculture is putting in place through the court system that this business owner must adhere to in order to keep the retail license.

- 7. The Lakes Community Health Center Using Health Department Space Update:** About one year ago The Lakes Community Health Center expressed interest in holding clinic hours in the Health Department. Now that they have a full time physician, they want to discuss this again. They are talking about holding clinic hours one-half day on Tuesday and all day Friday. There had been concern over the Health Center seeing patients within a 30 mile radius of Red Cliff Health Center and affecting their status to serve non-Native Americans. Legal counsel for Red Cliff said this will not affect their status. The plan is to use the resource room as a waiting area. The exam room will be an initial screening area. Another room we have farther down the hallway would be used as the exam room. We will need to remove some cabinets. The Director has been in contact with the IT Director regarding Internet access for them outside the County system. He felt it would be a very easy thing to do. They will be providing their own equipment and personnel. We may only provide a small amount of reception services, such as if someone calls in we would transfer them to the Health Center's personnel. The cost to them has not been discussed. We would be charging for any supplies they use, for example the copier. A Memorandum of Understanding would have to be signed. The Lakes Community Health Center physician is not necessarily opposed to seeing inmates when here. This would save the County quite a bit of money.
- 8. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
- 9. Other Issues:** None.
- 10. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Crandall; motion seconded by Williams. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Ekholm, Recording Secretary