

BAYFIELD COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, October 18, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Crandall, Dee Kittleston, Beth Meyers, Elaine Kopp, Wayne Williams
Absent: John Bennett, Winefred Punjak, Grace Heitsch
Staff: Jennifer Jako, Cathy Ekholm, Anne-Marie Coy
Others: None

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairperson Kittleston.
2. **Approval of August 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2010 meeting as presented was made by Crandall; motion seconded by Meyers. Motion carried.
3. **Adoption of Agenda:** No changes were made to the agenda.

Since Anne-Marie Coy, the new Sanitarian was in attendance, introductions were made. Anne gave a little background on herself and her experience.

4. **Review of 2010 Budget:** A question was raised as to why the Medicaid revenue for WIC was so much over what was projected. It was explained that with the economy the way it is more people are on WIC and with this comes many more on Medicaid making our revenue much larger. The capital expense line was questioned. The Board was informed that the State wanted counties to spend all of the Public Health Emergency Response Grant money. We purchased new equipment that could be used in the case of an emergency; i.e. laptop computers, portable printers, and mobile refrigeration units to name a few. There were no more questions or concerns with the budget.
5. **Grants Update:**
 - a. **Seal-A-Smile Grant:** We were awarded the Seal-A-Smile Grant for the 2010-2011 school year. It is \$8,915. This is for applying dental sealants on school-age children. Most of this grant goes toward contracting the dental hygienist.
 - b. **GHT Grant:** We were awarded the GHT Grant for 2010 in the amount of \$12,920 which is down slightly from 2009. We will be writing again for the grant for 2011.
 - c. **WIC Grant:** There were no competitive bids for the WIC Grant. Our communication with Ashland County has helped with some of the issues that were going on. Ashland County has suggested that we co-locate and hold clinics at their Health Department office. The Health Board was not in favor of this. It was felt Ashland County Health & Human Services Department was too crowded as it is. And the clients are used to coming to the present location. The Board is also unwilling to allow an Ashland County nurse to work WIC clinics where it would take hours away from a Bayfield County employee but would work on information sharing.
6. **Environmental Health:**
 - a. **Inspections Report:** The report was reviewed by the Health Board. Anne explained how they try to group inspections by area to save time and mileage. She added that inspections are done one year after the date they were inspected the year before.
7. **Staffing Updates:**
 - a. **Health Department Director/Health Officer:** The new Director, Terri Kramolis starts next Monday. Jennifer will work with her to get her up to date with what is going on. We are currently working with The Lakes Community Health Center (TLC) in a joint effort for a full-time Public Health Educator position. TLC is interested in a part-time Public Health Educator. Between the two of us we may be able to create a full-time position for Pete, our current Health Educator. TLC is interested in hiring a Public Health Educator three days per week. Combining that with the two days he works for the Health Department, so that would create a full-time position for him. Hopefully this will work out. He is working mostly on the Employee Wellness

program, he is on the alcohol taskforce, and is a part of BAHEC (Bay Area Health Education Coalition). He is planning to get into at least one of the schools this year to do alcohol abuse training.

- 8. Flu Clinic Update:** We are in the middle of flu clinics. Area providers met and set clinic dates. One ad was made listing the clinics for all providers in the area. We received the FluMist for school-based clinics. We are working on possibly going into the schools. This decision will be left for the new Director. All public, school employee, County employee clinics and the majority of clinics for ambulance staff have been set up.
- 9. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the EOC.
- 10. Other Issues:** Meyers informed everyone of the suicide death of a 67 year old woman in Bayfield. She was suffering from depression. CORE (Community Resources) will be addressing this issue and mental health issues in aging Americans. She wondered what the Health Department could do for them. Jennifer felt this is something that would be good to bring up to Terri when she starts since she has mental health degree. This has not all been decided yet but Meyers felt the committee would plan to start after the first of the year. She would like this item put on the agenda for the next Board of Health meeting to be discussed. Jennifer thought the Health Department being involved is a great idea since mental health issues were identified in the Community Health Assessment. Jennifer stated The Lakes Community Health Center just hired a psychologist and he might want to be a part of this initiative.

Jennifer told the Board that Beth Meyers and her husband donated the \$100 prize for the winner of the poster contest. Thank you Beth. Our plan is to make a billboard and yard signs from the poster. Human Services will possibly be giving us \$500 to \$600 toward making those signs from their Prevention Grant. The poster will be brought to the next meeting.

Crandall said he has a niece in southern Minnesota who was visited by a lactation consultant and a week later by a nurse. He wondered if we did anything like that. Jennifer stated that at this time we have one certified lactation consultant who works in the WIC office so women on WIC have that service and she will make home visits. Jennifer and Caloney, one of the Public Health Nurses, will be attending a training to become certified lactation consultants. The nurses already make home visits to new moms and assist with breast feeding.

- 11. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Ekholm, Recording Secretary