

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
December 10, 2013

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:05 PM by Jacquelyn Miller at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Michelle Petersen, Marcia White, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Rick Hoppe (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Jacquelyn Miller. Doug Emery arrived at 5:12 PM

Members Absent: Roma Amundson, Karla Lester, and Heidi Stark.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Scott Holmes, Andrea Bethke, Gwendy Meginnis, Tim Timmons and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Mike Tavlin, Sandy Morrissey, and Nancy Hicks.

Ms Halstead introduced Mike Tavlin to the Board of Health. Mr. Tavlin was appointed by Mayor Beutler. His appointment was approved by the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners. His first official meeting will be January. Mr. Tavlin has served on numerous boards and committees in the community.

Ms. White announced her resignation from the Board of Health. She has accepted a position with the Community Health Endowment. The Mayor will recommend Ms. White's replacement to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Miller asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. White that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Petersen. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Miller asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Emery that the November 12, 2013 Minutes be approved mailed. Second by Ms. White. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead asked Mr. Timmons to provide an update on flu activity in the community. He stated there are seven confirmed influenza cases in Lancaster County. He also explained the difference between trivalent, quadrivalent, high dose and nasal vaccines. Trivalent contains 3 flu strains and quadrivalent contains 4 flu strains and high dose vaccine is administered to high risk patients 65 years of age and older.

Ms. Halstead stated the Board of Health will tour the EduCare Facility in February. Possible dates for the site visit are February 20, 25, and 27, 2014. Ms. Severe will contact Board of Health members to determine their availability for each of these dates.

Ms. Halstead stated the expansion of private medical homes is going well. The Lancaster County Medical Society is placing individuals with providers. Lutheran Family Services and community partners are also addressing behavioral health needs in the community. Since Nebraska did not expand Medicaid, Lancaster County will have to continue to provide funding for individuals who are part of the General Assistance Program. The Health Director, Deputy County Attorney and the GA Committee are looking at the possibility of utilizing General Assistance dollars to purchase insurance for these individuals through the Health Insurance Marketplace to determine if this is a feasible option.

Ms. Halstead thanked Mayor Beutler and Mr. Hoppe for approving the hiring of an additional Dispatcher in the Animal Control Program for the second half of the FY2013-14 budget year. Dispatcher staffing was reduced from 5 to 4 FTEs in 2007. Calls continue to increase and staff handle over 50,000 calls per year, in addition to dispatching officers, licensing, handling walk-ins, trap rental, bite/attack processing, communication with pet owners, etc. The position is user fee funded.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Increases in Permitting the West Haymarket and Arena Area

Mr. Holmes and Ms. Bethke provided an update on the Food Program's involvement in permitting the new facilities in the West Haymarket and Arena areas. He stated permits were issued for 45 new establishments in the area. This included 28 new restaurants and 17 new establishments in the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Ms. Bethke detailed what is involved in opening new establishments, including the plan review process and numerous visits to the facilities. Ms.

Halstead commended staff for their good work.

B. Solid Waste Management Plan 2040 Recommendations

Mr. Holmes provided an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan 2040 Recommendations. The Mayor appointed an Advisory Committee comprised of a broad section of community leaders and they met monthly from June 2012 to November, 2013. The Advisory Committee developed and approved recommendations. Mr. Holmes reviewed the recommendations, the implementation process and the monitoring mechanism. Recommendations were developed for waste reduction, source reduction, toxics reduction, yard waste, residential, commercial, and construction/demolition materials recycling, composting, transfer station and processing facilities, and establishment of an Eco-Park. The report was presented to the City Council and County Board. Prioritization of the recommendations will come after Mayor Beutler is briefed on December 13, 2013..

C. Update on Alcohol Related Programs – Region V Systems

Ms. Morrissey is the Prevention Director for Region V Systems, an agency that serves 16 counties in Southeast Nebraska. She provided background information on Region V Systems, community coalitions, areas of concern including underage drinking, binge drinking among 19-22 year olds and drinking and driving, the use of data and strategies to address these issues. She reviewed the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey (NRPFSS) fact sheets. Strategies include the Responsible Beverage Server Training, working with the University of Nebraska and law enforcement agencies and increased parental involvement. The Responsible Beverage Server Training Program was implemented in 2013 and is conducted by the Health Department. She thanked the Health Department for their involvement.

D. 2014 Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead stated the 2014 Legislative session begins on January 8, 2014. Key legislation the Department will be monitoring includes Medicaid expansion, Carbon Monoxide Detector requirements, E-Cigarette legislation and making it a primary offense for the use of seatbelts and texting while driving. She will provide updates to the Board of Health beginning in January.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting – January 14, 2014 – 5:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President

