

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
December 9, 2014

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, Doug Emery, Karla Lester, Michelle Petersen, Craig Strong, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Rick Hoppe (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Jacquelyn Miller.

Members Absent: Roma Amundson, Michael Tavlin and Heidi Stark

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Andrea Haberman, John Chess, and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Jane Raybould.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Lester. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the November 4, 2014 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated Friends of Public Health will be requesting additional funding from the Nebraska Legislature in the near future. Ms. Halstead announced the Department will partner with the University of Nebraska Medical Center - College of Public Health on workforce development. Masters in Public Health students will do some formal work at our Department.

Ms. Halstead stated City employees are making slow gains in their employee wellness efforts. City and County employees completed the yearly survey and employees are doing better in several of the areas surveyed.

Steve Frederick reported a new high in the number of confirmed cases of Pertussis in the community. Most cases are among children and young teens

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Revisions to LMC 8.14 - Before & After School Childcare Program

Mr. Holmes stated the Department issues certificates of compliance to about 40 school age child care programs because they were required to have a State child care center permit. School age centers are no longer required to hold a "center" permit. Staff are recommending the Department no longer issue certificates of compliance to school age child care programs and no longer conduct inspections of these facilities.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the Board of Health approve the revisions to LMC 8.14 and forward them to the Lincoln City Council for review and approval. Second by Mr. Strong. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Revisions to LMC 24.38 - Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and Lancaster County Resolution R-13-00623 - Procedures for Regulating Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

Mr. Chess stated staff are proposing revisions to LMC 24.38 and Lancaster County Resolution R-13-0062 to make them consistent with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Title 124 Rules and Regulations for the design, operation and maintenance of onsite wastewater treatment systems. Staff are also proposing to rescind Design Standards 4.10 and County Resolution R-02-31 because NDEQ Title 124 will be adopted by reference.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the Board of Health approve the revisions to LMC 24.38 and Lancaster County Resolution R-13-0062 and forward them to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners for review and approval. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

C. Proposed Policy 223.25 - Onsite Wastewater treatment System Variances

Mr. Chess stated the Board of Health approved the revisions to LMC 24.38 and Lancaster County Resolution R-13-0062 and rescinded Design Standards 4.10. Since the design standards will be rescinded, the Department will need an official Board of Health approved policy on variances. The proposed language in the policy was taken from the Design Standards. He noted variances are rarely requested, but it is important to have a policy in place regarding how they are reviewed, approved or denied.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the Board of Health approve Policy

223.25 – Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Variances. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

D. Proposed Revisions to Policy 223.31 - Public Swimming Pool Inspection Policy

Mr. Chess stated recent updates to LMC 8.38 and State Regulations regarding swimming pool inspections necessitate updating Department Policy 222.31 – Swimming Pool Inspection to comply with LMC 8.38 and State regulations. Revisions include deleting the sections dealing with enforcement and the requirement to mail a copy of every inspection to the pool operator.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the Board of Health approve Policy 223.31 – Public Swimming Pool Inspections. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

E. Proposed Revisions to Policy 223.35 - Public Swimming Pool Enforcement

Mr. Chess stated recent updates to LMC 8.38 and State regulations regarding swimming pool enforcement necessitate updating Department Policy 222.35- Public Swimming Pool Inspections to comply with LMC 8.38 and State regulations. Language was added requiring the Department to provide the Lincoln Swimming Pool Operator and the owner a copy of a pool enforcement notice when it is issued as a suspension. Items added include specifics when a pool must be ordered closed due to violations that pose an immediate or substantial health or safety risk. Two new sections were added that provide guidance on what enforcement action is to be taken when violations are found regarding swimming pool water quality tests and on what enforcement action is to be taken when violations are found on the required frequency of pool water testing.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the Board of Health approve Policy 222.35 – Swimming Pool Enforcement. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Access to Health Insurance/Health Care

Ms. Haberman provided an update on the Healthcare Marketplace noting 20 staff have been trained to assist individuals in signing up for health care. She reviewed the four plans available from People’s Health Center, Health 360, Urban Indian Health Center, private providers and General Assistance. She stated income guidelines are used to determine who is eligible. Other highlights included: urgent care options., educational links, and three educational videos that were produced by community partners to increase awareness about obtaining health insurance in the Marketplace. The videos are also available on Channel 10 Health.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting - January 13, 2015 - 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President