

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health  
April 12, 2016

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:04 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Bill Avery, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen, Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Tom Randa arrived at 5:06 PM. Jane Raybould arrived at 5:15 PM.

Members Absent: Craig Strong, Molly Burton (ex-officio) and Dave Derbin (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Steve Fredrick, Kathy Cook, Scott Holmes, Andrea Haberman, Demon Wimes and Elaine Walsh.

Others Present: Candice Sorden and Nancy Hicks.

Introductions

Candice Sorden, UNL Intern - Health Promotion & Outreach Division and DeMon Wimes – Animal Control Program.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Petersen. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Moved by Mr. Avery that the March 8, 2016 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Bryan Health East Conference Center. Dr. Ali Khan, Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, will be the keynote speaker. He will speak about new and emerging public health issues. She previewed the Awards and the

winners of the awards. Awards include the Community Health Awards, Public Health Leadership Award, Carole Douglas Public Health Achievement Award, Food Sanitation Excellence Awards, and the John J. Hanigan, MD Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Halstead reported the Dental Division received grant funds for an additional operatory. Renovations to convert office space into an operatory will begin in the near future.

Ms. Halstead reported a request for proposal was released for the kenneling services contract. The Capital Humane Society was the only agency to submit a proposal. Ms. Halstead met with the City Purchasing Agent and the Capital Humane Society Director to negotiate the 4 year contract with an option for an additional 4 years.

Ms. Halstead stated the “No Bare Hands Contact” revision to the Lincoln Municipal Code received public hearing at the Lincoln City Council. No one opposed the revisions.

Ms. Halstead stated the Blue Angels Air Show will be held in Lincoln May 7-8, 2016. Staff and first responders, hospitals, and military and airport personnel will participate in a full scale “Operation Unfriendly Skies” exercise on April 13, 2016.

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the proposed permanent Hazardous Waste Facility. Staff are working with Public Works and Utilities to secure a permanent site. They have selected the North 48<sup>th</sup> Street Transfer Station. The City has applied for grant funding of \$300,000 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and \$300,000 from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Staff received word the Nebraska Environmental Trust will grant the \$300,000. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality will announce in June the recipients of their grant funds. The City previously set aside \$600,000 in Capital Improvement Funds for the Facility.

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

##### A. Election of Officers

Dr. Stark stated nominations for officers for the Board of Health for 2016-2017 are: Craig Strong and Michelle Petersen for President and James Michael Bowers, Michelle Petersen and Craig Strong for Vice-President.

Dr. Stark asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. None were received. Ballots were distributed.

Results: President: Craig Strong – 4 votes and Michelle Petersen – 4 votes.  
Vice-President – James Michael Bowers – 4 votes; Michelle Petersen – 3 votes and Craig Strong – 1 vote.

Dr. Petersen withdrew her name for further consideration after the tie was declared. Due to her patient schedule, she was concerned she may not be able to be present at

the start of every meeting to be able to run the meetings.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Avery to elect Craig Strong as President and James Michael Bowers as Vice-President of the Board of Health for 2016-2017 effective the regular Board of Health meeting in May. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Policy 300.67 – Bat Infestation

Mr. Beal and Mr. Wimes reviewed the proposed policy. Mr. Beal stated the policy would establish the procedures used when the Department considers whether a property is bat infested. Criteria will include: 1) Animal Control has made more than 3 calls to the same property in the calendar year, or 2) Animal Control has removed 5 or more bats on a single call from a single address. Animal Control will contact the property owner by letter regarding any bat infestations and recommend the owner contact a wildlife removal specialist to remove the bats. The intent of the policy is to reduce or eliminate any public health risk from human or pet contact and any potential for rabies exposure. Board members expressed concern about burdening the property owner with the cost of the wildlife removal specialists. Mr. Wimes stated there are now several in the community that offer this service so pricing may not be as prohibitive. Mr. Beal stated the Animal Control Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the policy. Last year, Animal Control staff were called to one property 15 times and removed 24 bats and were called to another property 10 times and removed 11 bats. All bats are tested for rabies.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve Policy 300.67 – Bat Infestation. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 7-0-1 roll call vote. Ayes – Bowers, Doster, Miller, Petersen, Randa, Raybould and Stark. Nays – 0. Abstain – Avery.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislative Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on legislative activities and bills of interest to the Department. LB 1013 – Tobacco Tax bill did not come out of Committee. LB 1032 – Medicaid Reform Expansion – Traditional Health Insurance Program Act did not pass.

B. Diabetes Supports for the Poor & Uninsured

Ms. Haberman provided an update on Diabetes Supports for the Poor & Uninsured. She provided background and group history of the program. The Department partners with Bryan Health, St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Clinic with a Heart, Health 360, Kohll's Pharmacy, Lancaster County Medical Society, Lincoln ED Connections, Lincoln Fire & Rescue, Nebraska Urban Indian Health Center and People's Health Center. Goals include connecting the uninsured, low income adults with diabetes to a medical home, the efforts are a short term program (the average stay is 3 months) and if the patient is not eligible for insurance, they will be referred

to an FQHC (federally qualified health center) where they will have access to diabetes medications via 340B. Through funding from the Community Health Endowment, group purchasing reduced the price of a vial of glucometer strips from \$69/per vial to \$7/vial, Kohll's Pharmacy labels and provides teaching and free delivery for \$3 per vial, patient pays \$10 per 50 count vial of strips and a limited amount of medications for diabetes. Through these efforts, \$350,283 has been saved and 764 individuals have been helped. She stated this also resulted in a decrease in 911 calls for diabetes related services. A monthly specialty clinic is held at Clinic With A Heart utilizing volunteers and donated funds for diabetes supplies in order to stabilize the patient in no more than three visits while a medical home is accessed. The program hopes to show that case management works for the highest need populations, a cost savings on unnecessary 911 calls, a continued need for short-term diabetes supplies, and that there is a need in the community for stabilization while waiting to establish a medical home.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – May 10, 2016– 5:00 PM

Board of Health Annual Luncheon & Awards Ceremony – April 26, 2016 – Bryan Health-East Conference Center – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Elaine Walsh  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President