

Sweetwater County District Board of Health
October 31, 2012

Present:

Board members:

Mark Sanders Chairperson - absent	Greg Erramouspe
Craig Wolfing, Vice Chairperson	Cathie Hughes - absent
Stephanie Wallendorff, Secretary	Chad Franks - absent
Jeanine Cox	

Board of Health Director:

Janet Gerken

Board Attorney:

Mike Stulken - absent

Environmental Health

Paul Ng

County Health Officer:

Dr. Jean Stachon

Commissioner Reid West

Nursing Staff/Environmental Health Staff

Guests

Nell Johnson

Meeting opened by Craig, Vice Chairperson at 7:15 AM.

Motion to approve October agenda was made by Greg, seconded by Jeanine. Motion carried.

Motion to approve September minutes was made by Jeanine, seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried.

Motion to approve October vouchers was made by Greg, seconded by Jeanine. Motion carried.

County Health Officer, Dr. Stachon elaborated on her report which was in the packet.

Paul Ng. from Environmental Health handed out his report for the month of October.

Board of Health Director, Janet reported on her report which was in the packet that went out in the mail.

Additional reports:

Financials: If you look at our consolidated BOH profit and loss, you will notice that it shows a positive \$11,304.41, this is not necessarily accurate. If you subtract the amount allocated to cash reserves, then the total is actually \$56,590.80. We are currently waiting on grant funds in the amount of \$57,874.56, so even with unforeseen expenses this last quarter, we are on track.

Meningitis Update: To date there are 363 confirmed cases resulting in 28 deaths nationwide. Nothing has been reported in the State of Wyoming. Idaho has had one case.

This month we did receive addition PHP funds for emergency preparedness. We bought four WYO Link radios with the funding. A radio was given to Sweetwater Medics, Green River Fire Department, Granger, and to Hazmat team. In addition we were able to replace all expiring masks and given away many of the others to the police departments. We purchased approximately \$1,200 worth of Duo Dote Kits for the community as well. These are the kits that contain the drugs necessary for first responders in the event of an exposure. (atropine and praladoxime chloride.) They are being stored with the hazmat team. Very much appreciative since their kits had expired months ago.

This month, I have contracted two speech therapists and an additional physical therapist. Waiting on background checks. Still in search of an OT.

We have also hired a part time Home Health Aide. She started 10/22/12. She will be working at least the 20 hours that we had approved the position for. We held nursing interviews yesterday for a part time position.

I would like to purchase a PT/INR machine for the office. This is a faster more efficient way of obtaining results. The cost is \$1,900. I have researched this and most MD's are satisfied with the results that are given. It is stated that these readings have been proven to be 98% effective as compared to regular blood draws. We do have money in our budget for equipment. Motion to approve the PT/INR machine was made by Jeanine, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

There were many informational topics discussed at WY Public Health Association Meeting in Laramie. There are many programs that I feel could benefit our community. I feel like I have to address these programs individually and see what is possible here and what we have the resources to implement. The first program is not something that would be done by the DHOB. It is a program for juvenile offenders that were introduced at the University of Colorado. I have written a letter to WWCC to see if I can share the information with administration and see if it is something that they may be interested in. This would complement our goals of a healthy community. I will let you know how this plays out in the future. Accreditation.

Janet discussed with the board that disposing of sharps containers is costing our agency over\$4,000/year. She has been researching on ways to save money. She received a call from the Sheriff's department asking us how we dispose of our sharps containers. They have had a few calls from the public wanting to know how to dispose of their personal sharps containers. Janet has learned that we are able to take the sharps out to the landfill. She applied for a permit. The cost is \$25/load each time we go out. Janet is going to ask the County Commissioner's if they would approve for Chuck Radosevich with the maintenance department to hall the sharps to the landfill for us. This would be a substantial savings to our agency.

The DBOH members will be doing Board of Health training on December 13, 2012 at 12 PM.

With the Holidays approaching soon, Janet asked the board if they would like to have

our DBOH monthly meeting December 19, 2012 or December 26, 2012. They chose to have the meeting December 19, 2012.

Janet requested that her employees get paid prior to the holidays. She requested that employees get paid before the holidays in November and December. Motion was made to pay employees prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas by Stephanie, seconded by Greg. Motion was carried.

Because Christmas is on Tuesday, December 25, 2012, Janet asked the board members if employees could have Monday, December 24, 2012 off also. The board did not see a problem with that as long as patients were taken care of. Janet explained that we always have a nurse on call for the long holidays. Motion was made to give employees December 24, 2012 off by Greg, seconded by Jeanine. Motion carried.

Janet requested an executive session. Motion was made to go into executive session by Jeanine, seconded by Stephanie. Motion was carried.

Out of executive session. Greg made a motion to approve changes to Environmental Health pay scale regarding Annette and Paul based on increased job duties, seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried.

Next DBOH meeting will be November 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Allen
Administrative Assistant DBOH