

***Dubuque County Board of Health
Minutes of May 13, 2015, Public Hearing***

Dr. Fairley called the May 13, 2015 Dubuque County Board of Health meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Dr. Richard Fairley
Members Present By Phone: Rhonda Healey; Tim Daly
Members Absent: Dr. Valerie Peckosh; Tom Bechen

Others Present: Patrice Lambert, Dubuque County Health Department, Bonnie Brimeyer, Dubuque County Health Department; Geri Buelow, Helping Services, Connie Sprimont, SASC, Stacey Killian, VNA, Kevin Pierce, Congressman Rod Blum's Office

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the March 24, 2015 and May 13, 2015 Board of Health Minutes at the August 25, 2015 Board of Health Meeting; motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Health reviewed the VNA's PHS Cost Study (Rates for services for the 2015/2016 grant year). A motion was made to approve the rates as presented; motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brimeyer stated to the Board of Health members that a homeowner came to the Health Department to see if he could get a time of transfer extension on his septic system. The property is located in the Key West area. The property is approximately a third of an acre in size. The homeowner approached the City of Dubuque to see when and if he could hook up to City sewer, but the City could not give him a definite date and would put nothing in writing. The homeowner did tell Ms. Brimeyer that he does not have a septic field, just a tank, and does not want to incur the expense of putting in a new system before he sells the home.

A motion was made not to approve an extension because of the serious health issues associated with not having a septic field and to follow the guidelines currently in place; motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Congressman Rod Blum's Office – Kevin Pierce

Mr. Pierce introduced himself to the Board of Health and thanked them for letting him attend the Board of Health Meeting. Mr. Pierce informed them that if they need any help with Health issues that Congressman Blum's office and staff are available. Mr. Pierce passed out a business card to each of us for reference if we need to contact Congressman Blum's office in the future.

3. Helping Services – Geri Buelow

Ms. Buelow from Helping Services addressed the Board. Ms. Buelow shared with the Board of Health what Helping Services has been doing in regards to Substance Abuse Prevention. A copy of Ms. Buelow's report is attached.

4. DARE Program – Sara Jenaman

Officer Sara Jenaman from the DARE Program was unable to attend the May 13, 2015 Board of Health Meeting because of DARE Graduation happening in the schools.

5. SASC – Connie Sprimont

Ms. Sprimont from SASC addressed the Board. Ms. Sprimont shared with the Board of Health what SASC has been doing to address the gambling and alcohol issues in Dubuque County. A copy of Ms. Sprimont's report is attached.

6. VNA Report – Stacey Killian

Ms. Killian reviewed with the Board of Health the Public Health Services Monthly Statistic and Program Utilization Summary and the Monthly Program Stats Report. Copies of these reports are attached.

7. Administrator's Report – Patrice Lambert

Ms. Lambert reviewed her Administrator's Report with the BOH members. A copy of Ms. Lambert's report was included in the BOH packet for their review. A copy of this report is attached.

8. Adjournment

Dr. Fairley adjourned the May 13, 2015 Board of Health meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The next BOH Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 5:45 p.m. at the Fire Training Facility.