

**VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
January 24, 2012
6:00 PM**

Present: Dr. Jane Cooney, Carla DeAngelis, Dr. Lori DeYoung, and Connie Ostrander.

Absent: Jason Asaad, Dr. Karen Broaders, Ivadale Foster, Bob Jones, Brenda Larson and Dr. Todd Miller.

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Lori DeYoung at 6:08 PM.

Jason Asaad, Dr. Karen Broaders, Ivadale Foster, Bob Jones, Brenda Larson and Dr. Todd Miller asked to be excused from tonight's meeting.

The meeting was an informational meeting due to lack of quorum.

Dr. Jane Cooney introduced a visitor, Julie Holycross, who is starting an anti-bullying support group at Crossroads Christian Church. She informed us that Vermilion County Health Care has filed for Federally Qualified Health Care facility (FQHC). They hope to hear shortly if the agency has been granted this status.

Shirley Hicks, Public Health Administrator, informed the Board that we still have not received a grant for Maternal Infant Child Visiting home service (MCVee). The community was awarded this grant in November and the grants were to be sent out for signatures within a few weeks. We still have not heard from the grant and the State keeps telling us that the contracts/grants will be sent out shortly.

Larissa from Center for Children's Services asked Chad Hayes to intervene on our behalf to expedite the issuance of the MCVee grant.

Once the grant is received we will need to take it to the Health and Education committee, Finance committee and the County Board. We do not know if the County will allow us to add the position necessary to fulfill the grant requirements.

Shirley Hicks, Jenny Trimmell and Melissa Rome have been working on the IPLAN project that has to be submitted to the state this summer. This project is necessary in order for our agency to remain as a Local Health Department. The last time we had to complete the project was in 2007. It must be completed every 5 years.

We have hired a facilitator, Dr. Krista Jones, from the University of Illinois. She is originally from Vermilion County but now lives in Champaign. However, she is familiar with problems facing Vermilion County.

We have sent out 150 letters asking for community participation in meetings where we will discuss the problems within the County and ask for opinions in helping alleviate the problems. So far, 30 agencies have responded to attend the first meeting on February

28th at the Bremer Conference Center at 1:00 PM. There will be a follow-up meeting at Bremer on April 3, 2012.

Students from Lakeview have helped us pull information for IPLAN.

Shirley Hicks talked to the Board regarding the Cottage Food Operation legislation. Doug Toole was also in attendance to answer questions regarding this program. This program is designed to regulate food wagons that set up at Farmer's Markets. Our Environmental Health Staff does not inspect the baked goods, jellies or jams that are sold at the Farmer's Market. And the State does not want to register the vendors at the Farmer's Market either. However, our agency can keep a listing of the participants. At a minimum the participants must register with us. Once they are registered with us, we will keep a data base of these vendors.

The food must be prepared in Illinois. The preparers must label their products with a listing of ingredients.

Most local Health Departments are taking a very passive approach to these types of vendors. We do not want to give any indication that we have inspected or regulated them in any way.

We passed out the revisions to the Administrative Policy and the Fiscal Policy. The Board will take them home and review and the revisions will be voted on at the March meeting.

Shirley Hicks gave an update on the influenza vaccinations that we gave in the fall of 2011. We ordered 1,500 doses and all of the doses are gone.

Ms. Hicks informed the Board that there was not much of an update on the information that the Probation department is moving into our building while renovation is going on at the Courthouse.

We do have a new cleaning person and she is doing a great job.

We have moved Doug Toole into a bigger office in Environmental Health. He took over the office occupied by Lynn Wolgamot, Recycling and Steve Spurlock, Sanitarian III. Steve Spurlock moved into the office previously occupied by Doug Toole and we moved Lynn Wolgamot to a cubicle within the Environmental Health Department.

We have an abundance of old, broken, surplus equipment that still remains on our inventory list. We are tracking it for disposal.

Items of Information

Although we are currently fully staffed, we have a Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner in Training that will probably be leaving us. It may be difficult to find a replacement as not many students are graduating with degrees in Environmental Health. Those that are usually go to private industry because the pay is better.

We currently had a WIC Audit and the auditor was very complimentary regarding our program.

Cheryl Sprague, our WIC Coordinator, has been selected to represent Illinois at a National meeting in Phoenix, AZ. This conference is an all expense paid program through a private company interested in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and teaching pregnant mothers the effects of alcohol on their fetus.

We will be giving TDAP immunizations to grades 6-12 as of the start of the fall school year. We will be providing TDAP clinics throughout the summer and coordinating with the schools to inform parents of these clinics. Hopefully the parents will not be waiting until the beginning of the school year to have their child immunized.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Dunham
Recording Secretary

Ivadale Foster
Secretary, Board of Health