

**SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

MINUTES

Date: April 17, 2013
Place: Health and Human Services Building
Pipestone, Minnesota

Opened: 9:00 am
Adjourned: 9:10 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in the Health and Human Services Conference Room at 1091 North Hiawatha Avenue in Pipestone, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blumeyer.

Members present:

Gail Byers
Lois Schmidt
Marvin Tinklenberg
William Johnson
Bob Moline
Gerald Magnus
Curt Blumeyer
Joan Jagt
Stephen Ritter
Rick Anderson
Bob Jarchow
Ron Boyenga
Richard Bakken
Al Kokesch
Priscilla Klabunde
Carol Ann Flahaven
Pam VanOverbeke

Member(s) absent:

Butch Miller

Staff present:

Chris Sorensen
Ardis Henriksen
Sherry Marks
Nancy Walker
Stacey Longtin
Mandy Hozapfel
Cindy Nelson
Rachel Johnston
Kristin Deacon
Carol Biren
Jenifer Klein
Lori McGee

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any additions or deletions from the agenda as presented. Director Sorensen asked that the following be added to the agenda: M-3 Rock/Murray County Power

Outages. Chairperson Blumeyer asked if any Board member wished to identify a conflict of interest. None were identified. He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March 13, 2013 meeting. Motion by Ritter and second by Boyenga: To approve the Consent Agenda with the addition to the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Blumeyer stated that the Financial Report would move forward to the Governing Board, per action taken during the Human Services Board meeting.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the caseload numbers. Director Sorensen stated that the numbers for dental varnishing are up slightly. Those numbers are dependent on the WIC scheduling and being able to make a connection with the families while they are in for their appointments. Dr. Amos Deinard, with the University of Minnesota, has written a grant to receive money from a foundation, which is to be used to help cover the cost of dental varnishing. Director Sorensen will be speaking with Dr. Deinard later in the day.

Director Sorensen stated that Southwest Minnesota Opportunities Council is applying for funding and had sent a copy of their application to allow the Community Health Board an opportunity to read and comment on. Anyone wishing to do so should see Director Sorensen.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked Jason Kloss, Environmental Health Manager, to come forward to give a nuisance update. In Jason's absence, Carol Biren, Division Director for Health Services, came forward to address the Board. She stated that Jason has had a number of reported nuisances. There was a report of bed bugs at hotel in Pipestone. At this point, the issue has been resolved. The mattresses in the affected rooms were removed from the property. There was a meth lab reported at a different hotel in Pipestone, which has been taken care of. The affected rooms have been cleaned and tested for habitability. A vehicle meth lab was also identified and when tested, the results came back the levels were low. In a question, as to how the bed bug issues reflect on the work done by the agency. Carol stated that, if anything, the fact that staff responded to the situation and helped the establishment resolve the issue should reflect positively on the work of the agency.

Carol Biren, Division Director for Health Services, reported that, during the previous week when a power outage was experienced in Rock and Murray Counties due to stormy weather, the EOC was activated in Rock County. Health Services staff handled outreach contacts to pharmacies to see if they had any urgent needs. Jason Kloss, Environmental Health Manager, had presented to food establishment on food storage and then followed up with establishments to see if they had any concerns. Kristin Deacon, Nursing Supervisor, had assisted with the follow-ups done in Rock County. Contacts were also made with the Murray County Emergency Manager and businesses. Because of the location of Rock County the FTC had not been able to increase cell phone power so people had been without the use of their cell phones. Electricity was restored to most areas, but there are still a few isolated cases of farms still not having electricity. A shelter was set up at the school in Luverne, for which they had requested cots, but no one presented to use the shelter. The juvenile treatment center in Magnolia moved to an off-site location. Bakken spoke about the situation in the area with cell phones and stated that people in that area have been trying to work to improve the situation. VanOverbeke stated that they had a similar problem with cell phones in the Hendricks area and she will try to find a contact name and will forward it to Bakken.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there was anything more to come before the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

Approved _____ Date

Authorized _____
Chairperson, Community Health Board

Recording Secretary, Community Health Board

Attest: _____
Director