

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

**MINUTES**

Date: June 19, 2013  
Place: Lyon County Government Center  
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:25 am  
Adjourned: 9:40 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 in Commissioners' Rooms 1 & 2 of the Lyon County Government Center at 607 West Main Street in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Jarchow.

**Members present:**

Lois Schmidt  
Marvin Tinklenberg  
William Johnson  
Butch Miller  
Bob Moline  
Gerald Magnus  
Bob Jarchow  
Joan Jagt  
Stephen Ritter  
Rick Anderson  
Ron Boyenga  
Al Kokesch  
Priscilla Klabunde  
Carol Ann Flahaven  
Pam VanOverbeke

**Member(s) absent:**

Gail Byers  
Richard Bakken  
Curt Blumeyer

**Staff present:**

Chris Sorensen	Marie Meyers
Ann Schiller	Sherry Marks
Carol Biren	Stacey Longtin
Nancy Walker	Stacy Jorgensen
Kathryn Herding	Julie Marthaler
Jenifer Klein	Ann Orren
Michelle Buysse	Monica Christianson
Dale Hiland	Kami Parker
Ann Przybilla	Paula Bloemendaal
Cindy Nelson	Ardis Henriksen
Karla Drown	

Vice-Chair Jarchow asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda for the meeting. There were none. He asked if any of the Board members wished to identify a conflict of interest. None were identified. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the May 15, 2013 meeting. Motion by Moline and second by Boyenga: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Jarchow stated that the Financial Report had been moved forward to the Governing Board by action of the Human Services Board.

Vice-Chair Jarchow asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the caseload numbers presented as part of the agenda. There were no comments made.

Director Sorensen stated that he had been informed by MDH that according to statute an agency cannot have two (2) Public Health Administrators. He asked for authorization from the Community Health Board to proceed with the application process to have the Division Director of Health Services, Carol Biren, designated as the Public Health Administrator. Motion by Ritter and second by Johnson: To authorize Director Sorensen to make application to the Minnesota Department of Health to designate the Division Director of Health Services, Carol Biren, as the Public Health Administrator for SWHHS. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Jarchow invited Paula Bloemendaal, Tobacco Control and Policy Coordinator, to come forward and report on the tobacco tax increase. Paula stated that on July 1, 2013 she will begin her fifth year working under a Clearway Minnesota grant, first under Nobles – Rock Public Health and now under SWHHS. During March of this year the Rock County Commission passed the strongest tobacco ordinance in the state. The changes to the ordinance deal more with the selling of tobacco products. The increase to the tobacco tax happened right at the end of the session, as part of the omnibus tax bill. The new law increased the tax on a pack of cigarettes from \$1.23 to \$2.83 per pack. It also closed the loop hole around the sale of little cigars that come in fruit flavors making it so that they now must be taxed the same as cigarettes.. She talked about what the expected effects of the tax increase will be. There are two (2) CHIP celebrations scheduled; one at Bluestem in Luverne on June 24, 2013 from 5:00 pm through 7:00 pm and the other at the Marshall Golf Club on June 27, 2013 for the same timeframe. She invited the Board to attend one of the events if possible.

Director Sorensen reported that he, along with Judy Pitzl, Health Educator, have been working with Dr. Amos Deinard on the Oral Health Zone Project. The agency’s dental varnishing program is moving steadily forward. In working with Dr. Deinard three (3) grant applications have been submitted in the last ten (10) days, requesting a total funding amount of \$300,000. There are looking at this project being done in conjunction with 4-H and primary care providers. The project will be opened up to a thirty-four (34) county area. The plan is measurable, achievable and has a good chance of success. Anderson asked if it would be possible to get additional funding from the 4-H foundation and mentioned that a good contact person for that would be Holly Arp out of Worthington. It was also suggested that it would be good to bring in the Minnesota State University - Mankato hygienist program as well.

Vice-Chair Jarchow asked if there was anything more to be brought before the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Authorized \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Community Health Board

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Recording Secretary, Community Health Board

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director