

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

**MINUTES**

Date:	October 15, 2014	Opened:	9:06 am
Place:	Rock County Health and Human Services Building Community Room Luverne, Minnesota	Adjourned:	9:24 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Rock County Health and Human Services in the Community Room at 2 Roundwind Road in Luverne, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blumeyer.

Members present:

- Jeanne Anderson
- Rick Anderson
- Curt Blumeyer
- Ron Boyenga
- Carol Ann Flavhaven
- Joan Jagt
- Bob Jarchow
- William Johnson
- Priscilla Klabunde
- Al Kokesch
- Gerald Magnus
- Butch Miller
- Bob Moline
- Stephen Ritter
- Lois Schmidt
- Marvin Tinklenberg

Member(s) absent: Pam VanOverbeke

Guests: Cris Gilb

Staff present:

- Carol Biren
- Karla Drown
- Ardis Henriksen
- Stacy Jorgensen
- Nancy Lange
- Cindy Nelson
- Chris Sorensen

**I. Consent Agenda –**

1. Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any corrections or additions to the meeting agenda. There were none.
2. Chairperson Blumeyer asked if any member of the Board had any conflict of interest to report. None were identified.
3. Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting.  
Motion by Moline and second by Johnson: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**J. Financial –**

The financial report had been reviewed and moved forward to the Governing Board for approval.

**K. Caseload -**

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the caseload numbers. There were no inquiries.

L. **Decision Items –**  
None on the agenda.

M. **Discussion/Information –**

Director Sorensen asked for permission from the Chair to move the report on the Healthy Homes grant before the Oral Health Grant report, while phone connection is made with Dr. Deinard. The change was approved.

2. Carol Biren, Public Health Division Director, pointed out the letter that was included in the meeting packet, which indicates that the agency is being awarded a grant in the amount of \$120,000 over the course of a three (3) year grant period. The agency had previously been awarded a Healthy Home grant but the funding had been cancelled as a result of legislation. Agency staff will be partnering with the Southwest Minnesota Housing Authority. That agency will do most of the assessments. When the agency held the funding a few years ago we were able to provide a number of home safety devices, such as smoke alarms, CO alarms, fire extinguishers and other assorted items to improve home safety. The grant agreement has not yet been received but will be presented to the Governing Board for acceptance when it is.

1. Chairperson Blumeyer invited Cris Gilb, Oral Health Grant field worker, to come forward. Cris stated that Dr. Amos Deinard was on the phone with the group. Dr. Deinard thanked the Board for their continued support of the Dental Health project. Cris reviewed the four (4) primary goals of the Oral Health Grant. Cris has presented to the 4-H federation in all of the SWHHS counties plus Nobles. Clubs in three (3) counties have done a project or are planning an oral health project. The Lyon County Lions Club has agreed to be a partner and the contact there is Dan Snobl. The PowerPoint presentation that will be used when either Cris or Mr. Snobl when they go out to organizations to talk about the Oral Health project was developed by two (2) masters program students at the University of Minnesota. There has been strong support from the health systems but local groups and clinics need to be encouraged. The access to dental care is still an issue because most local dentists are not willing to accept patients on MA and are not comfortable seeing children 3 years old and younger. Cris and Dr. Deinard are planning a number of community meetings, for which a flyer will soon come out. They encouraged the Board members to attend a meeting if one is scheduled in their area. Dr. Deinard will be in this area for about two weeks and is willing to conduct trainings for any clinic that indicates they would like to have their staff trained. An application has been completed and submitted to the Busch Foundation for additional funding. Schmidt asked if an application had been sent to the Otto Bremer Foundation. The agency has not done so but that is the funding source for the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Dr. Deinard had sent out a letter to all of the area press and had received requests from two (2) newspapers indicating an interest. Some of the other papers had responded that the program is not in their town.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there was anything further to be brought to the Board. Hearing nothing he adjourned the meeting at 9:24 am.

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

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

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Recording Secretary, Community Health Board

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