

MINUTES
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board
June 15, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board was held Monday, June 15, 2009. Vice Chair Karen Shumate called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Shirley Martin-Smith moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Health Board Minutes of May 18, 2009, and the May 2009 monthly Financial Reports be approved. Paul Liechti provided the second and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010 Budget update

Dan Partridge updated the Board regarding the SFY 2010 grant awards as of June 10, 2009, which will be effective July 1, 2009. Dan reported that grant awards are down \$7,983 from what the Health Department budgeted for in 2010 and down \$37,634 from the prior year.

Dan stated that the City is proposing to cut the Health Department budget by 3% and the County is also proposing a 3% budget cut. Dan reported the Health Department will have a Supplemental Request hearing with the County on July 7, 2009, at 8:15 am to request an additional \$25,000 to provide funds for employee benefits deemed necessary in order to maintain our current highly trained workforce.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Dan Partridge presented the American Public Health Association (APHA) video.

2. Dan Partridge updated the Board on the Community Focus Group meeting held May 22, 2009. Dan shared the list of attendees and a summary of the meeting. Shirley Martin-Smith reported she received positive feedback from many who attended. All of the attendees agreed the APHA video was very powerful and the Health Department should be using this video to educate the community on what the Health Department is. To do this, we need a good marketing plan and Health Educator to let the community know who we are and what we do.
3. Dan Partridge updated the Board regarding the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Congressional Action Network to advocate support for public health interests. Dan shared two letters that he sent to state Senators and Legislators urging them to advocate for new federal funding for local health departments.
4. Dan Partridge reviewed the Kansas County Health Rankings 2009 from the Kansas Health Institute (KHI). KHI ranked all 105 counties based on a summary measure of the health of their residents. Douglas County was rated number 27 on the summary health index ranking. The three top strengths for Douglas County are; high percentage of adults who wear seatbelts, low risk of exposure to lead paint, and high percentage of population with a high school diploma. The three top challenges for Douglas County are; high respiratory hazard index, high rates of binge drinking and sexually transmitted disease.
5. Dan Partridge updated the Board on his application to Leadership Lawrence and reported that he is waiting on reference letters from two people.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Retreat

Dan Partridge requested the Board find a common time to meet on a Saturday morning during the month of August to review input from the community and health department staff with the purpose of identifying agency focus and priorities as well as gaps. After discussion, the Board decided to add this item to the July Board Agenda.

Employee Retirement Recognition

Dan Partridge stated Health Department staff requested the Board consider other gift options in recognition of staff retirement. After discussion, the Board decided the decision would be made by Health Department administrative staff.

2010 Contract with the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety and Lodging Program

Dan Partridge presented the 2010 contract between the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety and Lodging Program and the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. Dan reported the only change from last year's contract is added specification that the Health Department pay the annual maintenance fee for the inspection program software. After discussion, Gerald Pees made a motion to authorize Karen Shumate, Vice Chair, to sign the contract with the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety and Lodging Program contract. Paul Liechti provided the second and the motion passed.

Other New Business

1. The next regularly scheduled Health Board meeting will be Monday, July 20, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm on a motion by Gerald Pees and a second by Paul Liechti

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Partridge,
Secretary

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Present:	Paul Liechti
	Shirley Martin-Smith
	Karen Shumate
	Gerald Pees
Ex Officio:	Dan Partridge
Other:	Heather Anderson
	Karrey Britt
	Kathy Colson
	Jennie Henault
	Colleen Hill
	Lisa Horn
	Charlotte Marthaler