

MINUTES of Monona County Board of Health

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Monona County Board of Health was held in the Monona County Court House, Onawa, IA 51105 on **November 22, 2011**. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m., Board Chair, Kathleen Bonnes presiding.

Members in attendance: Kathleen Bonnes, Lorna McNeill, Vice-Chair, V. Eugene Hamman

Members not in attendance: Teresa Butler, Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Lorna McNeill, seconded by Eugene Hamman to approve the minutes of the **October 25, 2011** meeting. **Motion carried.**

Board, committee and administration reports:

1. **Environmental Health Update** – Sandy Bubke provided a review of the 1st quarter Environmental Health Report. Sandy said a Radon Grant for \$200.00 has been awarded, and which will provide funding for Radon Kits. The Radon Kits will be distributed free-of-charge (normally \$5.00) in January 2012 for National Radon Awareness Month.
2. **Strategic Planning - “What are we dying of?” “Next Steps?”**
 - **Mortality in Monona County is primarily related to:**
 - a) Heart Disease / Heart Failure
 - b) Cancer
 - c) Accidents, primarily vehicular (alcohol related)
 - **Assess the structure of the Monona County Community Alliance for potential to better organize community partnerships.**
 - a) Some key parts of a coalition’s structure are: governance - a group or person who makes decisions for the group and rules for how decisions are made; rules for how the coalition gets things done (operating principles or something less formal, but it helps to write it down!); distribution of work – Who? What? Where? When? All good things to keep in mind with how we will get our work done!

- b) Facilitate discussion with current coalition members regarding “*current efforts for improving health & safety in Monona County.*”
 - c) *Active involvement of the coalition in deciding on what needs to change.*
 - **Assess Monona County opportunities for expanded / collaborative health planning:**
 - a) Siouxland Community Health Center – December 15, 2011
 - b) Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield Network Engagement – January 9, 2012
3. **Home Care** – Accountable Care Organizations, OIG focus, RAC Audits, Coordination of Care, reductions Medicare payments, cost of electronic records technology requirements, etc., are making it extremely difficult, if not impossible for small agencies such as MCPH to provide quality, cost-efficient home care services.
- Public Health, Burgess Home Health and Heights Home Health recently met to determine the “safety net” for clients who may be impacted by a change in service providers.
 - a) The conclusion is that all patients can be placed in services appropriate to their needs. Some clients have the capability of paying for services, but are not.
 - b) Cristy Wright, LFL Parent Educator has been kind enough to help provide services to home care clients due to public health’s staffing shortage, but this has severely cut down on the number of early childhood home visits she can provide. In an effort to not compromise our early childhood home visiting services, we will transfer six (6) clients to community home care agencies.
 - c) Follow-up with community home care agencies following the December 20, 2011 Board of Health meeting.

4. Comments: Next BOH Meeting December 20, 2011.

New business:

Adjournment: Motion was made by Eugene Hamman, seconded by Lorna McNeill. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

 Secretary
 Monona County Public Health

 Date of approval