

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 on **December 20, 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, Teresa Butler

Members not in attendance: Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Eugene Hamman, seconded by Teresa Butler to approve the minutes of the **November 22, 2011** meeting. **Motion carried.**

Board, committee and administration reports:

1. **Environmental Health Update** – Sandy Bubke not present due to illness. Ken has been working with Mike Jensen on the processing of a nuisance ordinance adopted by the Board of Health in 2008.
2. **Strategic Planning:** A ten year “look-back” of Monona County’s health outcomes and health factors reveals poor overall health marks for the county. A special focus on improving health & safety for early childhood and school-age children, with underlying policy development, was recommended by the Board of Health Workgroup (Teresa Butler, Eugene Hamman and Ken Johnson).
 - Ken reported that he has met with community service partners and Siouxland Community Health Center regarding the possibilities of a community health center in Monona County.
 - There was discussion regarding formalizing the structure of the Monona County Community Alliance (MCCA) as a steering committee. It is recommended that Monona County Public Health facilitate health improvement efforts under the “umbrella” of MCCA.
 - Family Medicine Clinic has also been approached about the need for better collaboration efforts with regard to children’s needs and referrals to public health for prenatal and early childhood education through our Maternal Health and Learning for Life Programs. The need to improve our immunization rates in children and adolescents has been identified. Efforts to improve these rates will be developed.

- **Budgets:** Re-Estimated FY12 budgets and Proposed FY13 budgets will be due to the Board of Supervisors in January. Preliminary budget figures were presented to the board members.

3. Home Care – Based on all analyses and a strategic focus of population health, Ken Johnson recommended that Monona County Public Health divest its home care services.

Motion was made by Eugene Hamman, seconded by Lorna McNeil, that Monona County Public Health agency divest itself of home care services. Teresa Butler abstained from participating in the discussion and from voting due to possible conflict of interest.

4. Next BOH Meeting: The board will forgo a January meeting and meet again on **February 28, 2012.**

New business:

- Kathy asked why no Humane Society in Onawa (follow-up by administrator)
- Lorna McNeil presented the board with a letter of resignation effective today.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Teresa Butler, seconded by Eugene Hamman to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried.

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

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Danelle Riley, Secretary
Monona County Public Health

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Date of approval