

**VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 15, 2011
7:00 PM**

Present: Judi Benjamin, Lori DeYoung and Connie Ostrander.

Absent: Jason Asaad, Dr. Karen Broaders, Dr. Jane Cooney, Ivadale Foster, Brenda Larson, Jim Meharry and Dr. Todd Miller.

The meeting was called to order by President Judi Benjamin at 7:08 PM. Since there was not a quorum, the meeting was informational with no action taken on the agenda items.

Jason Asaad, Dr. Karen Broaders, Dr. Jane Cooney, Ivadale Foster, Brenda Larson, Jim Meharry and Dr. Todd Miller asked to be excused from tonight's meeting.

Fiscal Status

Not addressed.

Old Business:

- A. Shirley Hicks updated the Board on the number of influenza vaccines that remain unused from last fall's influenza season. We ordered 3,000 doses and still have approximately 1,200 left. For next fall's influenza season, we will probably only order 1,200 – 1,500 doses.

We were notified of an influenza outbreak at the prison. The original article in the paper stated that there were 30 sick from the outbreak. We received information that there were 182 cases (inmates only). This was not confirmed by a laboratory report but the prison went on lockdown. There was no report of employees getting ill. Of the sampling taken at the prison 68% tested positive for H1N1.

- B. WIC FASD – WIC has notified us that we qualify to receive a private grant for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. This grant could possibly be worth approximately \$20,000. We have not received the grant yet but even if we do and we sign the grant, Chairman McMahon and Auditor Linda Anstey told us to only take an amendment through to the County after we had received a check. They only want us to amend for dollars received NOT dollars promised. They will not penalize us for overspending in our lines.
- C. We requested a \$50,000 grant from Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) so that we could replace our phone system and computer server. The money

was left over money from PHER for H1N1. However, our request was not funded.

New Business:

- B. Aunt Martha's is now occupying 2 offices in the west end of our building. This program is working closely with WIC in order to get referrals to their program
- C. Shirley Hicks informed the board members that the new County Health Rankings would be released at 12:01 AM on 3/30/11. The information has been embargoed until 3/30/11. Therefore, she could not inform the board of the outcomes yet. She will inform them of the outcomes at the April meeting. There will be press conference held on 3/31/11 at 9:00 AM at the Health Department for anyone who would like to attend.
- D. Brownfield project – Press release went out to the new media. Foth was selected as the consultant. The scoring process was standard and included familiarity of this community. Shirley Hicks, Doug Toole and Donna Dunham have met with them. These three employees will participate in a full training day with Foth in April. The City of Danville may get additional money for the Brownfield project. If so, we can use more of our dollars received to cover other areas of the County.

Items of Information:

- A. We are at full staff. Two of the three positions that were open have been filled with employees whose positions were eliminated with our down-sizing.
- B. No site visits, evaluations or audits to report on.
- C. Our emergency operations plan has been completed and submitted to Emergency Management,
- D. Other information:

Shirley Hicks reported that "I Sing the Body Electric" recently released a report that stated that the STD rate has increased 12% over last year. Our downsizing has dramatically affected this rate. With the closing of our STD program, treatment and follow up is practically non-existent. Unfortunately the number of STD's is not slowing down.

Roof – Shirley Hicks informed the board members that the Property Committee will meet next Monday, March 21st. She will be attending to find out the progress on our roof replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Dunham
Recording Secretary

Ivadale Foster
Secretary, Board of Health