

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2011**

- I. Call To Order  
Dr. Wengelewski called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2011 in the Health Wing of Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.
  
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Kris Barnekow; Marilyn Bolton; Robert Fedran; Renee Fuller; Dr. Henry Wengelewski, Kristen Wilhelm and Director of Health and Human Services, William Wucherer.  
Excused: Patricia Nissen; Dr. John Palese  
Absent: None
  
- III. Approval of 3/14/10 minutes  
Robert Fedran motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Marilyn Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- IV. Citizen Comment Period  
None
  
- V. Unfinished Business  
None
  
- VI. New Business
  - A. **Assessment**
    - 1. Milwaukee County Communicable Disease (SurvNet) and FHD Communicable Disease Reports  
Copies of the reports were distributed for review. There were 138 STD cases reported. Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of these cases are from the House of Correction, most of which are males. There were 19 communicable disease referrals to the FHD in the month of March.
  
    - 2. WI Div. of Public Health Weekly Respiratory Surveillance Report  
A copy of the surveillance reports were distributed for review. There were multiple States with influenza activity although WI cases are declining. There were 202 hospitalized associated influenza cases were reported year-to-date.
  
    - 3. 2010/11 Vision and Audio Screening Results Report  
A copy of the report was distributed for review. Almost 1,000 children in the Franklin Public Schools were screened for vision and hearing. The FHD sends hearing and/or vision referrals home to parents with the children who fail the screening. The School nurse follows up on any referrals.
  
    - 4. Radiation Environmental Monitoring Notice  
A copy of the notice was distributed for review. Radioactive isotopes are being monitored in the air. In the event that there would be a need to dispense Potassium Iodine, the Federal Government, through the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile, would deliver medications to States for local health department dispensing.
  
    - 5. Pertussis Investigation – April 2010  
A copy of the report was distributed for review. The FHD received a report that an infant, less than 2 months of age, was hospitalized with a confirmed case of Pertussis. Further FHD investigation uncovered 1 additional suspect case and 2 probable cases among the contacts to the child. FHD worked closely with an adjacent community for surveillance for exposed school-age children. Lastly, immunizations were provided whenever necessary.

**B. Policy Development**

1. Update – City of Milwaukee Request to Consolidate Public Health Services in Milwaukee County

Health & Human Services Director, William Wucherer, explained that the Intergovernmental Cooperative Council and Village Presidents, at the last meeting, had met and discussed consolidation or merger of health departments. The issue was brought back to today’s meeting. Today, there was a presentation about collaboration, mutual aid, and mergers. Ten of the 19 local mayors explained that their communities already collaborate, but agreed to have a study done.

2. Discussion Regarding Raising & Keeping Chickens in the City of Franklin

Franklin does allow raising 20 chickens per acre in some rural areas in Franklin with specific restrictions. These permitted (rural) areas were last demarcated in 1986. Currently residents can only raise chickens in rural areas with a permit.

A draft ordinance allowing backyard chicken flocks under consideration in the City of Milwaukee was distributed for review and discussion. BOH members brought up concerns about chicken waste, predators, smell, noise, and disease. When asked, would you personally have chickens?, most BOH members said no. When asked, would you be in favor in allowing backyard chicken, most BOH members were in favor with restrictions and applicable permitting.

BOH members acknowledged the potential need to further address backyard chicken flocks. A motion was made by Kris Barnekow and seconded by Renee Fuller to reconsider this topic based on citizen interest, ordinance changes in other communities or common council directive. The motion carried.

**C. Assurance**

1. Adult/Community Education Series Updates
2. Current Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Cities Readiness Initiative Grant Objectives, 2010/11

A copy of the City website front page was distributed for review. There were 92 attendees for the “Spring Without Sprain” program on 4/9/11.

A copy of the grant objectives were distributed for review. Objectives include continuous planning, mass clinic exercises and drills, and completion of a performance matrix. The City Readiness objective is exploring alternate methods of dispensing antibiotics/medications through the “closed pod”, which could be large businesses or the school district in Franklin. The FHD is also investigating collaborating with local pharmacists in the distribution process. They are also preparing a memorandum of understanding with bus companies and printing companies for any emergency.

VII. Program/Speaker

None

VIII. Announcements/

**A. Announcements**

None

**B. Correspondence**

1. Overseeing the Health of the Public – State Health Officer Newsletter, April 2011  
A copy of the newsletter was distributed for review.

**C. Articles**

1. “Measles Cases Spike Among Somalis in Minnesota” – [MJS 4/11/11]  
A copy of the article was distributed for review.
2. “Drugs Deemed Effective in Hepatitis C Patients” – [MJS 3/29/11]  
A copy of the article was distributed for review. 2 FHD drugs are on the horizon for Hepatitis C, which currently has no medication available.
3. “Unhealthy Sleep-Related Behaviors – 12 States, 2009” – [MMWR 3/4/11]  
A copy of the article was distributed for review.

**IX. Adjournment**

Robert Fedran moved to adjourn the BOH meeting, seconded by Renee Fuller. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.