

**Health Committee  
Meeting Minutes 5/6/2005**

Meeting called to order by Peter Berg at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Peter Berg, Clinton Fruit, Mark Masters, Ted Van Epps and Jim Murn

Others Present: June Meudt

Motion for certification of open meeting by M. Masters/J. Murn. Carried.

Motion to approve April minutes and May agenda by M. Master/J. Murn. Carried.

Comments from the audience

Susan Pancare asked to present on light bulbs. Mercury cadmium and lead are in light bulbs, especially fluorescent bulbs and cause problems to humans when ingested. They need to be removed from the environment and recycled. Dane County has an ordinance regarding this. A discussion ensued. It was decided to do more research on the topic and recycling centers, the Health Department will do some education and informational marketing to businesses to set up some recycling stations.

Director's Report

The Quarterly Report was presented. J. Meudt asked to use some of the WIMCR money to enhance the MCH program. She will use a LTE public health nurse for this. Money was from our PNCC-MCH program. The health department will preceptor a student nurse this fall.

New Business

J. Meudt discussed, for information only, current legislation being proposed, i.e., Tobacco issues, nuisance laws, and home rule.

Large Animal Farms and Public Health Ramifications were discussed. The need to be sure that manure storage is done right, and land is spreadable for manure, are important issues. These need to be stressed before the farm is set up. Concerns have been expressed in the literature regarding airborne bacteria from confined animals and ammonia and sulfur from odors as hazards to humans.

Meetings

- J. Meudt suggested board members attend the May 18<sup>th</sup> day of WALHDAB's annual meeting.
- Consortium meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> will be on mental health at the Comfort Inn in Mineral Point.
- Motion by M. Masters/T. Van Epps to approve of J. Meudt to attend the APHA meeting in November (This is an out-of-state meeting in New Orleans). Carried. Consortium money will be used and according to Iowa County policy, this does not have to go to the board if funded by grant money.

Motion by C. Fruit/T. Van Epps to accept vouchers. Carried.

Next meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by J. Murn/T. Van Epps. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt