

**Health Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2007**

Meeting called to order by Robert Regan at 8:00 a.m. at the Health Department.

Roll Call: Quorum not present yet.

Mike Wolkomir on his way to the meeting.

Present: Robert Regan, Linda Pittz and Tom Mueller.

Others Present: June Meudt, Randy Terronez, Mary Young and Jenny Ullsvic, Southern Region Office.

Mary Young discussed what it means to be "Agent Status" for a county. June is asking to investigate and set up protocol, working with the Environmental Consortium to start Agent Status in July 2009. This program should not utilize county money as it has a fee schedule for licenses and inspections for all restaurants, camp grounds, etc. A staff person needs to be hired and staffing issues will need to be worked out with the other counties as Iowa County only needs a half-time person. Grant County is currently working on ordinances which Iowa County will also need to pass. It will take over one year to work on this and having the Health Committee support it now and involved in the process will be important to implementing it in 2009.

[At 8:30 a.m. Mike Wolkomir arrived. A quorum is now present.]

Certification of open meeting by Tom/Linda. Carried.

Motion to approve November minutes and December agenda by Tom/Mike. Carried.

The discussion on agent status continued. Motion by Tom/Linda to approve the resolution as written giving the Health Department director permission to investigate starting agent status for Iowa County. Carried. The committee did not feel the need for someone else from the state to discuss this topic in the near future. June will keep the committee updated.

Motion by Linda to hire a contracted person to help with the 2008 Community Needs Assessment utilizing Public Health Preparedness & Response (PH P&R) money. Seconded by Tom. Carried.

Motion to hire a person two days per week, contract the position out and utilizing PH P&R grant dollars to help with the goals and objective of the grant for 2008. Seconded by Mike. Carried.

Other Business:

The county Smoking Policy is waiting for further clarification from Corporate Counsel on the issue of private buildings on County property. Bloomfield Manor is also working out staff issues relating to smoking. June will keep the committee updated when she hears more.

June did hear back from Michael Brown of Horizon Coop. in regards to the letter that was sent on spraying. He said they did respond to the complainant and worked with the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture found they did nothing wrong and he asked me to relay this back to the Health Committee.

Mike stated he will be gone in February and March.

June to schedule the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Linda/Tom. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt