

**Health Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2008**

Called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairperson Phil Mrozinski.

Motion for certification of open meeting by J. Thomas/L. Pittz. Carried.

Present: Philip Mrozinski, Steve Langenberg, John Meyers, Linda Pittz, Joe Thomas with Mike Wolkomir excused and Dan Oleson absent.

Others Present: June Meudt and Randy Terronez.

Motion to approve August minutes and October agenda with addition of 2020 Town Hall meeting announcement by L. Pittz/S. Langenberg. Carried.

Jeff Kindrai, Director of Grant County Health Department, discussed Iowa County becoming an agent of the State through his county Health Department. He explained responsibility, funding, staff, procedure needed to get it approved and answered questions from the board. The Iowa County Health Committee responsibilities now include going over the newest revised ordinance (Jeff to meet with his Corporate Counsel today), discuss citations involved and pass it. It then goes to Health & Human Services committee and finally the full board.

We hope to start July 2009 if the legislature increases fees early this spring. The bill is ready to go and hearings have already been done around the state. The State Department of Health Services has templates for forms, reports, etc. and will help with our start up. There may be funding for start up too.

What if we are not collecting enough fees to support the program? If it becomes too hard to do this, we can give the program back to the State. The currently employed RS is not in the Grant County union and we hope the new position remains in this category.

We do have to add on a 10% administration fee to the license fees as the State automatically gets that from all "agents." This will be an additional fee over the license fees.

Plan: get new ordinance and go over it with the Health & Human Services committee. Possibly bring to a vote at this meeting.

The County Tobacco Draft Ordinance was discussed and information from public hearings handed out. Motion to approve the ordinance with two changes: in Section 2: remove the word "Public" in front of entrance to now read "within 25 feet of any entrance" and in Section 4: to change the date to June 1, 2009 by L. Pittz/S. Langenberg. Carried.

It was emphasized that this is a good public health policy that focuses on clean air for all citizens and the employees of Iowa County. This will now go to the Health & Human Services for approval prior to going to the full board. Randy stated it may be delayed a few months due to budget hearings.

Discussion of the Public Health Agency Accreditation Project.

A survey needs to be filled out by the staff. June would like some of the committee to also fill it out. It assesses the current workings of the Health Department. It was decided to get the survey out to members either by email or regular mail and have them look it over or fill it out (must be done on paper). Then a meeting will convene to go over the survey with the health department staff and committee members to come to a consensus on each survey answer. These answers then must be entered into a computer survey by January 15, 2009. Linda and Randy agreed to come to the meeting. Linda will look into a device to collate answers on the computer. June needs to send out the survey next week. The meeting will be set for possibly December 4th in the a.m.

Motion to approve of adding one day to the Contracted Health Education position due to new Tobacco funds of \$5,273 ending December 31, 2008 by J. Meyer/L. Pittz. Carried.

A Town Hall meeting to discuss the 2020 State Health Plan is set for November 13th from 2 – 6 p.m. in Madison. Everyone is invited. June will send out information to everyone. June and Linda plan to attend.

Updates on other issues and questions were presented with no action taken.

Next meeting: June and Randy to set up a joint meeting with Health & Human Services on October 29th at 6:15 p.m. to present the Agent Status Project and ordinances. Corporate Counsel will also be asked to attend.

Next Health Committee meeting is December 4th at 8:30 a.m. regarding the survey (3 – 4 hours) and other issues (1/2 hour).

Motion to adjourn by J. Meyer/J. Thomas. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt