

Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness
Board of Health Meeting
October 28, 2013

Board President, Vicky Roberts, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., at the offices of the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness, 701 Olson Drive, Ste. 101, Papillion, NE 68046.

Roll Call:

Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder

Roll call States as follows: Dale Davenport – present; Dr. John Harris – excused; Dr. Matt Neumann – not present (**arrived at 5:50 p.m.**); Jane Nitchals – present; Vicky Roberts – present; Dr. Jeffrey Strohmeyer – present; Jim Warren – present; John Warsing – present.

Staff Present: Dianne Kelly, Director; Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder;

Guests Present: Lee Polikov, Sarpy County Attorney.

Approval of Agenda:

Per the Open Meetings Act the agenda may not be altered after 24 hours prior to the meeting, unless an emergency arises.

Dr. Strohmeyer moved, seconded by Warren to approve the agenda as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Dr. Neumann – not present; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye; Warren – aye; Warsing – aye.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Strohmeyer moved, seconded by Davenport to approve the August 26, 2013, meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Dr. Neumann – not present; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye; Warren – aye; Warsing – aye.

Presentation: Lee Polikov, Sarpy County Attorney: Sarpy County Mental Health Board

Polikov was in attendance to present to the BOH a new program they would like to launch called Mental Health Diversion. The mental health diversion program would be similar to the alcohol diversion program whereas it would keep those who are suffering from mental health issues out of the legal system where they do not belong. Per Polikov, it is more important that those arrested and who are identified as mentally ill are given resources for rehabilitation. Polikov said they would like to hire a diversion officer with a specialty in mental health issues.

Kelly expressed great interest in partnering with the Sarpy County attorney's office on this program. Davenport agrees that this is an important initiative and partnering would be beneficial.

Treasurer's Report

Warren moved, seconded by Nitchals to approve the treasurer's report. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye; Warren – aye; Warsing – aye.

Director's Report:

Kelly reported the following:

The new department health and dental insurance premiums were effective 10/1/2013. There was a slight increase.

Kelly and Dr. Neumann met to discuss the mini-grant policy. They decided on the following: \$30,000 allocated for mini-grants each year (\$15,000/6 months). Each period, \$5,000 will be available strictly for first responders. The remaining will go to other requests that fit with the department's scope of services.

Jenny Steventon has been named Assistant Director. Kelly passed out the job description to the BOH. After discussion, Davenport moved, seconded by Warren to consolidate the A/D duties with Steventon's current job description. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – excused; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmyer – aye; Warren – aye; Warsing – aye.

Other Business:

Roberts informed the BOH that she is sitting on a committee in Cass County that will come up with an assessment for all of the rural fire departments. Originally, Roberts was interested in having someone from the Health Department's support staff be present at these meetings to take notes. Kelly declined. Roseann Dobesh-DeGraff, Cass County Emergency Management has accepted the responsibility.

Standing Committee Reports:

Nomination Committee: Ponec will put out a press release regarding the BOH position opening. Dr. Strohmyer, Kelly and Roberts will meet with potential candidates.

Policy Committee: Nothing to report

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report

Program Committee: Nothing to report

Medical Director's Report: Nothing to report

Public Input:

None

Information:

Announcements: None

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: January 27, 2014, 5:30 p.m., at the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness, 701 Olson Drive, Ste. 101, Papillion, NE 68046.

Executive Session:

Executive session was not needed

Adjournment:

Davenport moved, seconded by Warsing to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Roll call states as follows: Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Roberts – aye; Dr. Strohmyer – aye; Warren – aye; Warsing – aye.

ATTEST:

Vicky Roberts, President
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

Matt Neumann, DDS, Secretary/Treasurer
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health