

**OGLE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
December 4, 2008**

Members Present: Rick Reed, Charles Fisher, Bobbie Colbert, Stephanie Seaworth, Dorothy Bowers, Daniel Watson; Greg Reckamp MD

Members Absent: Scott Scull, Mark Myers MD

Nonmembers present: Doreen O'Brien, Linda Warrner, Deb Solorzano

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Dan Watson, Dorothy Bowers continued meeting at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM - No public present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bobbie Colbert moved to approve Minutes of October 14, 2008 meeting. Dan Watson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Year end financial report reveals income at 93% and expenses at 109%, which puts health dept at a \$170,000 loss for FY 08. The Health Dept has not had a loss like this since present Administrator has been here. With the budget cuts made for FY 09 next fiscal year should not show such a loss. Charles Fisher moved to approve the finance report, Rick Reed second. All in favor, motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Health Department administered 400 children flu vaccines this year, last year there were less than 200 given. It was queried at our last meeting as to the cost of our bottled water. The annual cost for both offices is \$750.00.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Kings Update. Meeting of October 30 at the township building was well attended (70 participants). An engineering survey will need to be done as the first step. The health department is conducting a salary survey. The survey was sent out mid November - 30 have been returned. A total of 50 were sent. One possible option is for Rochelle to run lines to Kings which would involve hook up fees and a monthly fee for each home.
- 2) First Responders Drill. This is scheduled for March 19 at the Health Department in the rear storage area. The drill will be simulating administration of small pox vaccine to all first responders.
- 3) Board of Health Vacancies. There are still 2 vacancies, one must be filled by a dentist. HEW is in the process of interviewing a nurse. We still need a dentist to fill the remaining vacancy.
- 4) Public Health Administrator Evaluation. Not everyone has submitted their forms to Stephanie. A January 31st deadline has been set. If any board member needs another form, please let Stephanie know. Dorothy Bowers and Stephanie will meet to go over the surveys.
- 5) Family Planning Grant. Doreen O'Brien has investigated the Title X grant. The grant may provide up to \$56,000. The amount may be less than that as the State will base the amounts on how many programs apply. The Administrator shared a spread sheet comparing FP costs with and without the grant. The grant would not allow fees to be assessed for clients below 250% of poverty. Only 4% of our caseload has been over that amount and so we would lose most of our fees. Public Aid dollars would be the same. With that and the additional staff and services needed for the grant, the Health Dept would still be short \$40,000-\$50,000 with having the grant. Presently that kind of money is not available in our budget. Iroquois county called asking how we ended our family program as they are in the process of doing the same. Doreen O'Brien will continue to pursue the Federal Qualified Health Care Clinic and has sent a proposal to Mercer County to provide a branch clinic in Ogle County. Also continuing negotiating with Whiteside County to set up a branch clinic. Stephenson & Whiteside counties have taken the bulk of our clients. Greg Reckamp suggested possibly looking into a volunteer clinic similar to the one set up at KSB in Dixon. He will obtain contact names.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Peat Moss Septic System. This is a new type of system that is ideal for Ogle County with the type of soils involved. The Boy Scout Camp in Rochelle is currently having a Peat Moss System installed. Pictures of the field were shared. The Peat Moss comes from Ireland.
- 2) Election of Officers. Officers currently are: President-Dorothy Bowers; Vice-President - Stephanie Seaworth; Secretary - Dan Watson. Dorothy Bowers moved to elect the same slate of officers. Charles Fischer & Rick Reed seconded. Motion passed.
- 3) Southern Seven County Health Department could not meet payroll because the State had not sent their grants to them. The State sent surveys out to all the Health Departments to see how many other health departments were in trouble. According to the survey, if 40% of your monthly income is from the State, then the State wishes to be notified. Our revenue is 25% from the State. The State bailed out Southern Seven.

Charles Fisher moved to adjourn. Bobbie Colbert seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.
Next meeting February 10 @ 7:00 pm

Submitted by Dan Watson, Secretary (ds)