

**COLUMBIA/BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2011**

The Columbia/Boone County Board of Health met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, January 13th, 2011. The meeting was held at the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, 1005 W. Worley. Health Director Stephanie Browning and Health Planner Linda Cooperstock represented the staff. Commissioner Karen Miller represented the Boone County Commission. Administrative Assistant DeeAnn Bradshaw recorded the minutes of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ilalyn Irwin
Dr. Sally Beth Lyon
Harry Feirman
Dr. David Lardizabal
Jean Sax
Harold Stearley
Dr. Colin Malaker

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Lynelle Phillips
Dr. Michael Szewczyk
Dr. Nathan Voris

MEMBERS NOT EXCUSED

GUEST:

Ashley Burden, with the Mid-Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, began by giving the newer members background information regarding her presentation to the Board last August. She reported that the Chapter had written a project and applied for funding to carry out the project. The project is a 3-part project that will include community education, physician outreach and media outreach. She announced that they were granted funding and thanked the Board of Health for writing a letter of support. She added that as part of the community education, a series of 6 workshops will be held free of charge and the Board was invited to attend. She also presented brochures and handouts purchased with the funding. Dr. Lardizabal offered the help of a student to assist with outreach and education. It was suggested that the materials be part of the department display board.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Vice-Chair Ilalyn Irwin called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 9th meeting were approved as submitted.

Boone County Commissioner Karen Miller was introduced as liaison to the Board of Health.

Mr. Feirman asked about the date for the public hearing. Ms. Browning answered that the hearing would take place on February 10th in place of the regular meeting. She added that department staff will work to advertise the hearing using current contacts and the list of attendees of the last hearing. The information will also be posted on the City's website. She added that it is important to get written comment as well.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the hearing will be used for comment only as opposed to having discussion or making any decisions at that time.

Ms. Miller advised that it is important to set guidelines to avoid hearing duplicate information and concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Officer Elections:

Ms. Browning reminded everyone that Dr. Voris is unable to continue as the Board Chair. After nominations and voting, Ilalyn Irwin was elected Chair. Dr. Szewczyk was elected Vice-Chair.

Ms. Sax apologized for not having the annual board report completed, but stated that she would have it soon.

REPORTS:

1. HEALTH DIRECTOR – STEPHANIE BROWNING:

Ms. Browning reported that an MPH School student, who is currently working at the Truman School, has been working with staff members to complete an adolescent health assessment. She encouraged the Board to attend the presentation of feedback on the assessment to be held on February 3rd at 4:30, here at the department.

Ms. Browning stated that she is unable to attend the February meeting. She has been invited to attend a conference in Washington DC at the National Center for Vital and Health Statistics. She was also invited by the Youth Community Coalition (YC2) to attend a conference presented by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. Gerry Worley and DeeAnn Bradshaw will attend the public hearing.

She then reported that the department has continued to vaccinate for flu. There have been approximately 250 flu cases in Missouri this season and just over 20 in Boone County, which is standard for this time of year. She added that the department was able to use ARRA vaccine allotments to vaccinate children in schools. Dr. Lyon shared information regarding Columbia schools attendance rates. She stated that through the first semester, attendance was 95.58%. This is 1.8% more than the same time last year. She thinks this is an indicator of student health and could be directly related to the vaccinations done by the department.

Ms. Browning then reported that she is involved in a public transportation expansion campaign workgroup as part of Unite 4 Healthy Neighborhoods. They are looking at a campaign to decrease the “headway” from 40 minutes to 20 minutes. She explained that headway refers to the time it takes the bus to get back around to same stop. There has been an increase in the number of riders. She will likely arrange for a presentation from this group. There was a question regarding advertising on City buses using public health messages. Ms. Browning answered that this is not currently done.

2. MENTAL HEALTH:

Ms. Sax reported that the Mental Health Commission meeting was canceled due to weather.

She reported on the Environment and Energy Commission. Students have conducted a transportation and food study using the “charette” plan. She believes this information will be presented to the City Council in April.

4. DENTAL:

Dr. Malaker reported that Kirksville is being considered as a potential site for a new dental school. If this happens, Missouri will have 3 schools. He added that February is children’s dental health month and he will gladly provide materials for the department display board. There was a question about dental residents serving in communities. Dr. Malaker explained that this is not currently a requirement. There was also a

question regarding dental appointments at Family Health Center. Ms. Browning agreed to get information about wait time for appointments there.

5. UNITE 4 HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS (U4HN):

Ms. Browning reported on a pilot project that was done last fall related to access to healthy foods. There were a small number of vouchers for farmers market provided to qualified W.I.C. families. There were some barriers found and things learned from the pilot project and it will begin again in the spring. Farmers market is actively raising funds for the project.

Ms. Cooperstock reported that the department is collaborating with MedZou and two University of Missouri students to conduct a diabetes cooking demo and education on Feb 2nd. Residents will accompany their patients to this event as part of the case management of diabetes.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURN:

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.