

**COLUMBIA/BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2011**

The Columbia/Boone County Board of Health met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 9th, 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. Administrative Assistant DeeAnn Bradshaw recorded the minutes of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Dr. Nathan Voris
Lynelle Phillips

MEMBERS NOT EXCUSED

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the following changes: Mr. Stearley asked to add discussion of an e-mail regarding legislation that he sent to the members previously. He also asked for consideration of a "Legislative Update" section added to future agendas under reports. Dr. Szewczyk agreed that this would be good information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were approved with the following change: Mr. Feirman asked that, under "New Business", the last paragraph be more specific. He stated that, rather than guidelines, the Board would like an opinion from the Council regarding the ability of the Board to engage in advocacy as well as making recommendations beyond the City Council and the Commission. Those minutes have been revised to reflect this clarification.

PRESENTATION: Unite for Healthy Neighborhoods (U4HN) Food Action Teams

Ian Thomas, who is with the PedNet Coalition, introduced himself and the other members of the teams; Adam Saunders, Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture; Hannah Sims, a Masters of Public Health student at MU, and Karl Skala, Co-chair of the food system mapping team. He continued by giving background information on the initiative, including funding sources and partnering agencies. Six action areas were identified during the 2-day community event held in April 2010. Three of those will be discussed at this time. They are: community food system mapping, home and community food production, & affordable and accessible farmer's market produce.

Adam then presented information regarding the "Home and Community Food Production" action team. Their primary project is the department's community gardens located west of the parking lot. He added that this is a public and private partnership with public agencies including the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health & Human Services and the City of Columbia Public Works Department and private agencies such as PedNet. The land is owned by Public Works and there is a good partnership with Public Works, which includes a land use agreement. Public Works also supplied a large amount of compost. A work day was held early in the spring at which about 25 gardeners from the community helped to spread the compost. He added that it has

been a great success and is helping to bring more fresh food to the area. More work is planned including planting fruit trees and berry bushes and purchasing a storage shed. Mr. Thomas added that Ms. Browning had been interested in using the property as a community garden for several years, but was told it wasn't possible because it was purchased for storm water detention. By bringing the partners together, they were able to show that the garden will actually help solve the storm water problem as well as allowing local residents to grow food in the community.

Hannah Sims reported that she is doing her internship on Action Team 3, which is the "Access to Affordable Foods in Columbia" team. Their program is to identify a population that is at high risk for lack of access to nutritious foods in the community. The WIC (Women, Infant & Children Program) receiving community was identified for this project, since this group includes prenatal women, infants and small children and the focus of the grant is to prevent childhood obesity. The team is hoping to have 25 families participate in the program. There is a booth at the farmer's market to welcome the participants and they will offer an incentive gift of a small herb garden as well as cooking classes to show participants how to use the produce they purchase. They have had slow response so far, and are conducting surveys to identify barriers.

Mr. Thomas shared quotes from the community from the original Unite for Healthy Neighborhoods event. He explained that these were used to help determine the 6 action areas.

Karl Skala distributed a handout and presented information regarding forming the "Food Asset Mapping" group. He explained that this group was formed primarily to get involved with the CIM (Community Issues Management) system and to enable a forum for the public to put resources onto the system. The group is working to engage the public to use this system and he encouraged the Board to do so as well. He added that the system is also used to map the resources in the community. There are three parts to their mission: the CIM system, a food policy council, & a food and farm partnership. The food policy council could include forming a commission to report directly to the City Council.

Mr. Thomas then asked the Board for their thoughts on establishing a commission focused on food. There was considerable discussion and it was suggested that the group begin by forming a task force rather than a commission and working with the Board of Health.

Ms. Browning thanked the groups for all their work on these projects. Mr. Thomas noted that Ms. Browning is also a big part all of it.

REPORTS:

1) Health Director:

Ms. Browning distributed a summary report which included department updates.

The first item on the report was a department budget update. There was discussion regarding the department's budget savings part of which is due to one-time grants that are ending, but also in part to department staff working hard to identify savings. There was also discussion regarding the supplemental requests made by the department.

The next item listed department priorities for the coming year and included performance measurement, customer service, health literacy emphasis, reducing health disparities emphasis, chronic disease prevention, and maintaining core public health infrastructure.

Ms. Browning explained the CIM (Community Issues Management) system. She is hopeful to have a presentation in September. She added that the system is owned by the department but made by the University of Missouri. The system is evolving with further improvements and is able to generate reports. There are several groups that have been trained to use the system.

The Board's role and advocacy was the next report item. Ms. Browning explained that she talked to the former city manager, the city attorney, as well as the county commissioners and the

consensus was that advocacy is really not the role of the Board. She did suggest, however, that the Board submit a report to the City Council and the County Commission seeking further input regarding issues they might have concerns with or reviewing legislation when it is filed and preparing a report at that time.

There was discussion regarding the Unite for Healthy Neighborhoods (U4HN) presentation and their interest in policy change. Ms. Browning commented that having the Board of Health weigh in on these issues is important. It was agreed that Ms. Sax and Dr. Szewczyk will meet with Mr. Thomas to draft a letter to Council. This letter will be brought to the Board.

Ms. Browning then reported that there were ideas in the last meeting about reviewing current ordinances. She feels that there are no changes needed at this time.

She then discussed some possible topics for future meetings. The Unite for Healthy Neighborhoods (U4HN) will have presentations from the remaining teams. She would like to have a presentation from the Youth Community Coalition (YC2) on youth issues and programs as well as having department staff present information on the "Missouri Community-based Home Visiting" grant program.

The Board then discussed information from Mr. Stearley regarding health care directives. Mr. Stearley distributed handouts of the forms regarding this information and explained that this information from the Missouri Bar has recently been revised to make it easier to execute the forms. They are short forms and can all be executed at once or just a portion of them at a time. The Board discussed possible ways to distribute the information such as by the department combining distribution with other events and doing outreach and education.

It was decided that there will be no August meeting.

Ms. Browning then updated the Board on the animal control ordinance. Council forms have been sent with the second reading and council vote planned for the July 5th Council meeting.

The results from the department customer service survey were then discussed after Ms. Browning explained how the survey, which is part of the City's pilot program, has been conducted.

Ms. Browning finished by commenting that there should be an action plan for the advanced directive. She will discuss this with the department social services as well as other staff to get ideas of what would be useful and then communicate this information back to Mr. Stearley.

2) Mental Health:

Ms. Sax reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday. The League of Women Voters forum was well presented and included good discussion regarding mental health issues.

3) Dental:

No Report.

4) Unite 4 Healthy Neighborhoods:

Please refer to the above presentation information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Follow-up on Board Discussion

This information was discussed in the Director's Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Stearley again suggested adding "Legislation Update" as a regular report to the report section of the agenda and agreed to give the monthly update.

ADJOURN:

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.