

Board of Health Committee

April 12, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Romelle Vandervest, Dr. Joanna Gudel, Marge Saari, Jackie Cody

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Pederson, Greg Berard, Jim Sharon

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Ann Ovsak, Todd Troskey, Jody McKinney, Teri Schwab

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Fugle, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Melissa Christensen, Karma

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairperson Romelle Vandervest at 12:30 PM at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #2.

The Chairperson noted that this meeting of the Board of Health Committee had been properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Cody to approve today's agenda with option to do agenda items out of order. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Saari to approve minutes of March 8, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Public comment/ communications: None.

Date of next meetings: May 10, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. with location to be determined.

Monthly Environmental Health Summary: Summary given by Todd Troskey, Registered Sanitarian.

- Rhinelander restaurant investigated for general cleanliness issues. Issues were discussed with operator and operator discussed cleaning policy with staff.
- Large Rhinelander grocery store investigated for possible "worm" in roast. An official complaint was not filed. Complainant talked to facility manager and showed "item" to meat manager. Facility contacted the health department and requested review of implicated food. All steps used to investigate a food complaint were followed. There were no indications of any issues with the meat and no recalls.
- Complaint of possible food borne illness involving one person at a Rhinelander restaurant. Inspection pending.

Other topics: Senate Bill 482 would permit private residences to rent without having to be licensed and inspected. No confirmation as to the status of this bill.

Legislative Update: Linda Conlon discussed the NALBOH March brief and legislative issues at the state level.

- SB237/AB337 Healthy Youth Act - repeal of this act would ban volunteer doctors and nurses from teaching sex education in schools and removes requirement that curriculum be medically accurate.
- Pay equity bill SB202 for women - Governor Walker signed bill to negate federal legislation. Services for women continue to be targeted nationwide and statewide. Discussion only, no action taken.

Biking & Walking Trails: Jackie Cody attended Minocqua town board meeting where they discussed the Hwy J reconstruction. They are currently waiting for new plans on the reconstruction. Discussion only, no action taken.

Appeal of Re-inspection Fee: Mike Fugle, Assistant Corporation Counsel, distributed copies of the appeal petition made by Karma. He told the Board of Health that he would be representing the Health Department. He called his first witness, Todd Troskey, registered sanitarian.

Todd stated his position, working relationship with Jody McKinney, registered sanitarian, and how inspections/workloads are divided between them. He distributed a timeline of events with Karma listing pre-inspections, licensing, complaint inspections, routine inspections, citations and re-inspections. The issue of the appeal is in regards to a reinspection fee. Todd stated that when certain issues reoccur over time, the sanitarian can issue a reinspect. A reinspection fee was issued to Karma because over the course of three separate inspections there was a repeat violation of an unlicensed practitioner. In addition, there have been several missing spore tests including most recently for February and March.

Melissa Christensen, operator of Karma, gave her background and stated her case explaining she hires experienced tattooist.

In closing, Mike stated there were three repeat violations of unlicensed practitioners resulting in the reinspection fee. The business owner needs to assure the practitioner is licensed by the state of Wisconsin. He asked the Board to uphold the decision and issue the reinspection fee.

Discussion followed among Board members. Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Saari to call Marathon County to see if they received spore tests for February and March 2012. If spore tests were received for February and March, the fee will be cut in half and probation given for 6 months. If spore tests were not received for February and March, Karma should be charged the full fee with no probation. Motion carried.

Relocation Update: Nothing new to report.

Requests for Meetings/Workshops: Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Saari to approve meetings and workshops as presented. Motion carried.

Line item transfers: Motion made by Saari, seconded by Cody to approve line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers and purchase orders: Motion made by Cody, seconded by Saari to approve vouchers and purchase orders as presented totaling \$25,074.26. Motion carried.

Communicable disease update: 4 Chlamydia, 1 Campylobacteriosis, 1 E-Coli, 2 Influenza-Associated Hospitalization, 25 Pertussis, 2 Varicella.

Health Hazard Update: Summary given by Assistant Director.

- Monico residence unfit for human habitation referred to Planning & Zoning.
- Rhinelander residence investigated for mold.
- Three Lakes residence investigated for garbage.
- Rhinelander residence investigated for mold.

Motion by Cody, seconded by Saari to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.