

# **City of Racine**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**

**4:15 PM**

**City Hall, Room 209**

### **Board of Health**

*William Little, M.D.  
Sarah Fouse, Ph.D.  
Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D.  
John Berge, Ph.D.  
Maria Morales  
Alderman Robert Mozol  
Alderman Raymond DeHahn  
Mary Sollman*

**Call To Order**

**PRESENT:** 6 - Sarah Fouse Ph.D., Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., John Berge Ph.D., Robert Mozol, Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman

**EXCUSED:** 2 - William Little M.D. and Maria Morales

**Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2007 Meeting**

*Correction to Minutes of December 11, 2007:*

*Page 1, Call To Order, the heading "ABSENT" changed to "EXCUSED".*

**A motion was made by Raymond DeHahn, seconded by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., that the Minutes be Approved. The motion PASSED.**

**Presentations/Miscellaneous****Grant Status Review**

[08-1599](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral) Grant Status Report.**

Attachments: [GRANT UPDATES](#)

**Old Business**

*Environmental Health talked with the Building Department regarding the zoning of the Blue Rock Lounge and found that it is zoned commercial and live music is allowed without a separate permit.*

*Alderman Mozol stated that the loud music coming from Blue Rock Lounge has continued. Alderman Mozol has gathered information from other cities and is having Rob Weber, City Attorney, tighten and add to the City of Racine ordinance regarding loud music. Alderman Mozol stated the City has nothing addressing low level frequency violations. A number of ordinances from other cities regarding loud music use the peak level reading as the maximum allowed level while the City of Racine ordinance uses a time weighted average over a period of an hour.*

*Alderman Raymond DeHahn is looking into an ordinance banning pit bulls. He did find an ordinance that held up in court in Florida. Alderman DeHahn will talk to City Attorney Rob Weber and get a matching ordinance written. The ordinance would not be retroactive. Alderman DeHahn believes pit bulls are too dangerous a breed of dog to have in the City.*

*Marcia Fernholz said that the last time the City of Racine tried to implement a pit bull ban there was a lot of opposition against the ordinance from responsible pit bull owners.*

*Dr. Berge pointed out that although many breeds of dogs have a higher number of bite incidents, the severity of a pit bull bite, in most cases, is considerably worse.*

**New Business**

[07-1538](#)

**Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting**

permission for the City of Racine Health Department to enter into an Inter-Agency Fee Exempt Agreement with Medical College of Wisconsin Racine Family Medicine Center.

**Staff recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-07-08:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an Inter-Agency Fee Exempt agreement between Medical College of Wisconsin Racine Family Medicine Center and the City of Racine Health Department.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 01-08-08:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an Inter-Agency Fee Exempt agreement between Medical College of Wisconsin Racine Family Medicine Center and the City of Racine Health Department.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [STI Contract Letter](#)  
[STI Contract](#)

*Janelle Grammer stated there is potential for Planned Parenthood to be involved with the contracting of STI services. The Health Department is currently negotiating with Planned Parenthood and DHFS regarding the Health Department's Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene fee-exempt agreement.*

*The Racine City Health Department will continue to do HIV rapid and regular testing. The STI counseling will still be done by Jeff Schmidt at the City Health Department.*

*A press release and advertising will be published this week informing the public that the STI services will be done at the Racine Family Medicine Center starting January 21, 2008.*

**A motion was made by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D., seconded by Raymond DeHahn, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED.**

**07-1539**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission for the City of Racine Health Department to enter into an agreement with the Wheaton Franciscan Pharmacy.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-07-08:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement between The Wheaton Franciscan Pharmacy and the City of Racine Health Department to provide approved pharmaceutical prescribed by the Family Medicine Centre.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 01-08-08:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement between The Wheaton Franciscan Pharmacy and the City of Racine Health Department to provide approved pharmaceuticals prescribed by the Family Medicine Center.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [STI Pharmaceuticals Contract Letter](#)  
[Pharmaceutical Contract](#)

A motion was made by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., seconded by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D., that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED.

## Reports

### 08-1600

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** December monthly reports from the Public Health Administrator and Division Managers.

**Attachments:** [PHA Rep](#)  
[Tob MCH WWWP](#)  
[EH Rep](#)  
[EH Rev](#)  
[CHP Rep](#)  
[CHP Rev](#)  
[Lab Rep](#)  
[Lab Rev](#)

*Public Health Administrator - Janelle Grammer reported that the City did receive the \$250,000 stipend from the State for infant mortality. The Mayor has given permission to hire a 2 1/2 day a week (possibly a 3 day a week) coordinator for the infant mortality program. The coordinator position will also require grant writing abilities. Department of Health and Family Services had previously offered \$10,000 towards the services of the coordinator that the City Health Department will hire. The Health Department will follow up with DHFS.*

*Janelle Grammer, Marcia Fernholz and Michele Breheim participated in a mock anhydrous ammonia response with the first responders (Fire Department). The exercise was based in a hazmat vehicle.*

*The Health Department is currently preparing for the 2008 community survey. The current survey, Healthiest Racine 2008, will end at the end of this year. Janelle Grammer has met with the Department of Health and Family Services statistician who is helping the City with some of the statistics and will continue to meet with her in the future. The major listening group meeting for the survey is planned for April 3, 2008. The Health Department will ask the community, civic leaders and members of the Board to attend and go over the top ten items of Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 to determine which are the most important for the populous of our city.*

*Tobacco, MCH, WWWP - All the required checks were completed for the Wisconsin Wins Program for 2007. The program will continue through 2008.*

*Senate Bill 150, legislation prohibiting smoking in indoor environments in Wisconsin, did pass the Senate Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy Committee with revisions. The revisions are that the smoking ban would go into effect January, 2009 except for taverns and restaurants which would go into effect January, 2010.*

*Environmental Health - Marcia Fernholz attended a meeting in Madison for the legislation*

*of the Elimination Plan Implementation and Oversight Committee, the state committee on eliminating childhood lead poisoning. Department of Health and Family Services is looking at revising State Statute 254 to require an environmental inspection at blood lead levels of 10 which the CDC defines as poisoned.*

*Marcia Fernholz reported the number of animal licenses has remained steady over the past five years.*

*Community Health Program - Thelma Jones reported that Rob Chalhoub, Public Health Nurse, has resigned to accept a position as a lead case manager with the Milwaukee City Health Department. The Health Department will be looking to fill the Public Health Nurse position.*

*Dr. Berge brought up that he has received several e-mails and references concerning fluoride, especially with infants. Strong recommendations have been made that if you are feeding formula to an infant, you should use bottled water rather than city water with fluoride in it. Dr. Berge stated that there is considerable debate in literature and at some meetings as to whether we should be fluoridating the water at all. Studies are coming out from Europe and China that indicate that fluoride not only causes problems with the teeth and bones but may cause mental degradation as well. Dr. Berge would like to see more evaluation of putting fluoride on children's teeth.*

*Marcia Fernholz will check the level of fluoride in the City's water and provide the Board with that information.*

*Laboratory - Dr. Kinzelman reported that as part of the sanitary survey done in summer, 2007, water samples taken near the Water Street outfall of Root River, at the request of EarthTech, the city contractor, tested positive for relatively high levels of E. coli. Dr. Kinzelman sent the samples to Milwaukee for further testing and they all came back positive for human specific markers. EarthTech and Rick Jones were informed of the results and will follow up.*

*Dr. Kinzelman will be giving a presentation at the Root River Council meeting on the quality of water in the Root River. The meeting will be at the City Hall Annex, 800 Center Street, Room 130, on January 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D., seconded by Mary Sollman, that the Monthly Reports be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED.**

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D., seconded by Robert Mozol, to adjourn the meeting. The motion PASSED.**