



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Health

Chairman William Little, M.D.
Sarah Fouse, Ph.D.
John Berge, Ph.D.
Alderman Robert Mozol
Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D.
Mary Sollman
Alderman Jim Kaplan
Laura Martinez
Margaret Lampark, BSN, RN, COHN-S

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

4:15 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 205

1. Call To Order

PRESENT: 9 - Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., Mary Sollman, Laura Martinez, Margaret Lampark BSN RN COHN-S, Robert Mozol, William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse Ph.D., John Berge Ph.D. and Jim Kaplan

2. Approval of Minutes for June 8, 2010 Board of Health Meeting

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Alderman Jim Kaplan, that the June 8, 2010 Minutes be Approved. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

3. Communications

10-5000

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District requesting an ordinance that would allow city residents in certain residential districts to safely keep a limited number of chickens to provide eggs for household use.

Attachments: [Chicken Communication](#)

Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator, stated that they have looked into the ordinance on many different levels and the Health Department believes it is a positive opportunity for the City. However, she asked for consideration in the time-line of the implementation due to challenges and transition presented to the Health Department during the past several years. Dottie-Kay stated that it is the recommendation of the Health Department to decline the opportunity for a residential chicken ordinance at this time and recommended reconsideration of the ordinance in January, 2012. Marcia Fernholz, Environmental Health Director, outlined the current demands on the Environmental staff to deal with animal licensing and control issues.

John Berge, Ph.D., stated that he believes that continued postponement of approval will appear as a refusal. Dr. Berge and Alderman Mozol pointed out that if the Board of Health recommends the approval of the ordinance it will still be several months before it is implemented due to the required process of creating a new ordinance. Alderman Holding stated that he anticipated the staff needed to implement and control the ordinance would not be substantial and indicated the responsibilities

would be spread to many different departments.

A motion was made by Alderman Robert Mozol, seconded by John Berge, Ph.D., that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

AYES: 7 - Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., Mary Sollman, Laura Martinez, Margaret Lampark BSN RN COHN-S, Robert Mozol, William Little M.D. and John Berge Ph.D.

NOES: 2 - Sarah Fouse Ph.D. and Jim Kaplan

Speaker - Ron Kean, Poultry Specialist, UW Madison

Ron Kean, Poultry Specialist from UW Madison gave a presentation on chickens and the possibility of related disease and answered questions to the Board of Health. Chickens do not present a higher risk of disease, when properly taken care of, than any other licensed domestic animals.

Speaker - Sister Janet on Caring for Chickens

Sister Janet of Eco Justice Center gave a presentation on the responsibilities of keeping and caring for chickens and the eggs and the advantages of being able to have chickens.

Public Comment

Susan DeKeuster
Norb DeKeuster
Wayne Clingman
Amanda DeSonia

4. Grant/Contract Status Review

[10-5350](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Grant/Contract Status Report.

Attachments: [Grants Contracts.pdf](#)

5. Reports

[10-5349](#)

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

Attachments: [PHA Rep-Dottie-Kay Bowersox.pdf](#)
[CHP Rep-Teri Hicks.pdf](#)
[Env Rep-Marcia Fernholz.pdf](#)
[Lab Rep-Julie Kinzelman.pdf](#)

Administrative Report - Dottie-Kay Bowersox presented the highlights of the Administrative Report and gave updates and answered questions on status of Health Department grants, services and programs.

Environmental Health - Marcia Fernholz presented the highlights of the Environmental Health report and gave updates and answered questions on the report and Environmental Health programs, services and funding.

Community Health - Dottie-Kay Bowersox presented the highlights of the Community Health report and gave updates and answered questions on the report and Community Health programs, clinics, services and funding.

Laboratory - Dr. Julie Kinzelman presented the highlights of the Laboratory report and gave updates and answered questions on the report and Laboratory programs, services and funding.

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., that the reports be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D., that the Meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.