

City of Racine

*City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

4:15 PM

Room 103, City Hall

Board of Health

*William Little, M.D.
Sarah Fouse, MSN
Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D.
Rosa Salinas-Hultman
John Berge, Ph.D.
Alderman Raymond DeHahn
Mary Sollman
Alderman Tim Hermes*

Call To Order

PRESENT: William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse MSN, John Berge Ph.D., Raymond DeHahn, Mary Sollman and Tim Hermes

EXCUSED: Mohammed Rafiullah M.D. and Rosa Salinas-Hultman

Approval of Minutes for 09/12/06 Meeting

Correction – Mr. Dave Steincross should have been Mr. Dave Steinkrauss.

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Fouse. Motion carried.
to Approve the Minutes

Correspondence**06-2575**

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from the Racine County Human Services Department in the amount of \$70,000 for continuation of the Brighter Futures program.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 10-09-06:

The Public Health Administrator be authorized to apply for a \$70,000 grant with the Racine County Human Services Department to be utilized for the Brighter Future program (Grant Control No. 2006-043).

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City. The City will act as the fiscal agent for other entities and will retain \$40,441 for its own programming.

Attachments: [Brighter Futures - Permission Letter](#)

Motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and seconded by Mr. Berge. Motion carried.

Recommended For Approval

Old Business

None

New Business

Alderman DeHahn informed the Board that a resolution was passed at City Counsel to put universal healthcare on the ballot in April. This would eliminate all health plans in Wisconsin and put all residents in one plan. It is estimated that this would cut costs by 15%. Everyone would be entitled to insurance. This could be up and running by 2008. Ninety percent of people filing for bankruptcy do so because of rising healthcare costs.

Reports

Monthly reports from the Public Health Administrator and Division Managers

Public Health Administrator – Ms. Grammer included a more comprehensive conferences and training list to include meetings attended in order to give a better picture

of how she spends her time. This was the most difficult month for her due to many budget changes and feedback from auditors.

Environmental Health – Ms. Grammer reported that North Beach and Zoo Beach are closed for the season. The City maintained the same standards as last year: 10 or less closures for the season. This was a record and the City hopes to do even better next year. Ninety five percent of the improvement at the beaches was due to Dr. Julie Kinzelman's efforts. Ms. Michelle Breheim attended the Statewide Partners' Conference on Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness. She has been working nonstop on the Pandemic Influenza Plan with the Administrative Managers.

Community Health Programs - Ms. Thelma Jones reported that the E. coli O157:H7 spinach issues are over though some ground beef and lettuce is currently being recalled. Wisconsin does receive the ground beef. There were 3 known cases of E. coli within the county, 1 within our city. Technology provided an advantage for the E. coli tracing because of improved tracking through packaging numbers and supermarket shopping cards.

Dr. Little informed the board that there have been no new cases of tuberculosis this year. This is the second year with no new active cases within the year.

Clinic – Ms. Grammer reported that last month and early this month almost all employees attended antiharassment and diversity training which was very worthwhile.

Laboratory – Ms. Shahla Anders informed the Board that Ms. Jean Mandujana is filling while Ms. Natalie Jassoy is on maternity leave. Ms. Jassoy will be back mid-December. The lab is getting plans together to draw the Head Start children for lead next month. Close to 1000 permission slips were sent out.

*Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried.
The Report was Received and Filed*

CLOSED SESSION - IT IS INTENDED THAT THE BOARD OF HEALTH WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES §19.85(1)(c), TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OVER WHICH THE BOARD HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES AUTHORITY.

*Motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and seconded by Mr. Berge. Motion carried.
declared the public hearing closed*

To end CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Sollman. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Fouse. Motion carried.

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