

City of Racine

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

4:15 PM

City Hall, Room 103

Board of Health

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

Call To Order

PRESENT: 6 - William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse MSN, Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., John Berge Ph.D., Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman

ABSENT: 1 - Tim Hermes

Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2007 Meeting

Correction: Call to Order should be Ms. Sarah Fouse and Ms. Mary Sollman.

Motion made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Dr. Rafiullah. Motion carried.
to Approve the Minutes

Approval of Minutes for January 30, 2007 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Dr. Rafiullah. Motion carried.
to Approve the Minutes

Old Business

Note: There was no Board of Health meeting in February due to lack of a quorum/inclement weather.

07-0096

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting a discussion of the partial laboratory closure.

A half-time phlebotomist has been approved for hire. Twenty thousand dollars is being transferred from the employee compensation account to the professional services account. This money will be used to pay Wheaton Franciscan for laboratory services they are providing.

Motion made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried.

Received and Filed

New Business**07-0119**

Subject: Communication from the Board of Health stating their opposition to the closure of the laboratory.

Recommendation: The Health Department be authorized to hire those Laboratory Technicians and Medical Technicians which are in the budget. It is the sense of the Board of Health that it would be ill-advised to attempt to run the laboratory with insufficient staff.

Fiscal Note: 0.5 FTE Medical Technician and 1.0 FTE Laboratory Technician are budgeted through the end of 2007.

Laboratory client referral numbers were examined more closely and it was found that many referrals are made from Wheaton Franciscan, Aurora, Healthcare Network and the Family Practice Center. The number of employee uses also increased. Approximately one third of the clients utilizing the laboratory in 2006 were not City of Racine residents. The Department would like to provide support to the Healthcare Network and the Family

Practice Center. The Department is also trying to ensure all undocumented persons have their needs fulfilled.

Beginning in May Dr. Kinzelman will devote all of her time to water research and soft serve testing. The Public Health Nurses will be trained to draw blood soon. WIC staff will also be trained in capillary blood draws. Blood leads and syphilis serologies will be sent to the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene while all other tests will be sent to Wheaton Franciscan. Beginning in May only lead draws, STDs and urine pregnancies will be offered at the Health Department. The clinic will require a PPMP license.

Motion made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried.
Recommended to be Received and Filed

07-0120

Subject: A communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funds and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an amended contract with the United Way of Racine County, Inc. for the Family Smart/Kid Friendly program in the amount of \$29,471.50. The original contract (resolution number 6806) covered the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The amended contract covers the period through June 30, 2007.

Also refer to the Board of Health.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-12-07: To accept funds and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an amended contract with the United Way of Racine County, Inc. for the Family Smart/Kid Friendly program (original City Grant Control Number 2005-052) in the amount of \$29,471.50 and extend the contract through June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Note: No match is required by the City.

Attachments: [FSKF Amendment](#)
[FSKF Original Letter](#)

This contract represents a change in United Way's fiscal year to a July 1 through June 30 calendar.

Motion made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Dr. Rafiullah. Motion carried.
Recommended For Approval

07-0122

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from the United Way of Racine County, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000 for the Teen Parenting Support program. It is a joint application with the Mount Pleasant/Caledonia and Western Racine County Health Departments. The contract period is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The Grant Control number is 2007-004.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-12-07: The Public Health Administrator be authorized to apply for funding in the amount of \$68,000 from United Way of Racine County for the Teen Parenting Support Program (City Grant Control Number 2007-004).

Fiscal Note: There is no match required by the City.

The City of Racine Health Department is the fiscal agent for this grant. The Health Department will receive approximately \$40,000.

Motion made by Dr. Rafiullah and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried.

Recommended For Approval

[07-0199](#)

Subject: A communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network.

Also refer to the Board of Health.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-26-07: Permission granted for the Public Health Administrator apply for a grant up to \$10,000 from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-005) to be utilized for research to determine the baseline water quality level of the Root River.

Fiscal Note: \$5,045.20 soft match will be covered by the City.

This grant pays for baseline E.coli determination within the city limits of Racine. In order to gauge improvement in the future a baseline must be determined.

Motion made by Alderman DeHahn and seconded by Dr. Berge. Motion carried.

Recommended For Approval

Reports

[07-0145](#)

Subject: January Monthly Reports from the Health Department.

Attachments: [PHA Report](#)
[EH Report](#)
[EH Rev](#)
[CHP Report](#)
[CHP Rev](#)
[Lab Report](#)
[Lab Rev](#)

Received and Filed

[07-0288](#)

Subject: February Monthly Reports from the Health Department.

Attachments: [EH Report](#)
[EH Revenue](#)
[CHP Report](#)
[CHP Revenue](#)
[Lab Report](#)
[Lab Revenue](#)
[PHA Report](#)

Public Health Administrator - Maria Morales of Voices de la Frontera has shown interest in serving on the Board of Health. She will be attending the Board of Health meeting next month. An Access to Healthcare Work Group has been formed. It is a countywide organization for county health care providers.

Ms. Sandy Poehlman visited for the end of year grant review and was impressed with the 2006 DHFS grant.

Kathleen Banker, currently employed in the Finance Department, has been hired for the Executive Secretary position beginning part-time March 19th.

Tobacco Coalition - An enclosure was distributed to the Board members from the Smoke Free Tobacco Coalition with information on proposed changes at the State level. Ms. Clemons is working on a signed MOU with the Racine Police Department for the WINS program. The Police Department will be citing on the first offense for selling tobacco to underage people.

Environmental Health – Ms. Grammer reported two new people, Elvia Rodriguez and Kendra Marquez, have been hired for the US Conference of Mayors Grant as Sanitarian Aides.

The Tri-County Consortium, which includes Walworth, Kenosha and Racine Counties, met again in February. They work on things such as the City Readiness Initiative, Bioterrorism and Pandemic Preparedness.

Community Health Programs – The Infant Mortality Coalition is going well. The Fetal and Infant Mortality Review is making progress. There has been a lot substantial news coverage which has generated a lot of interest. Two more infant deaths have occurred in the county - possibly the within the city. The Coalition is writing a grant to try and attain funding. There is a possibility of DHFS funding the FIMR Program next year. The Health Department is expecting to receive the HPV vaccine soon. It will cost \$7 per dose and can be given to anyone ages 9-18.

Laboratory – Dr. Kinzelman was presented with a plaque from the Board in recognition of her extensive water quality research for the City of Racine. She has been applying for grants to supplement her current research. She has received \$6,600 to do beach monitoring. She will be continuing the soft serve testing this summer. Two Environmental Health employees are also being trained to do the testing.

Motion was made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Fouse. Motion carried.
Received and Filed

Adjournment

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