

City of Racine

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

4:15 PM

Room 103, City Hall

Board of Health

Call To Order

Also present were Health Department staff members, Ms. Janelle Grammer, Ms. Marcia Fernholz, Ms. Thelma Jones, Julie Kinzelman, PhD, Ms. Sarah Clemons and Ms. Terri Ailes.

PRESENT: 7 - William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse MSN, Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., Rosa Salinas-Hultman, John Berge Ph.D., Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman

EXCUSED: 1 - Cherri Cape

Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2006, Meeting

*Motion was made by Alderman Raymond DeHahn and seconded by Ms. Mary Sollman.
Motion carried.*

to Approve the Minutes

Correspondence

06-1532

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association/Great Lakes International Environmental Laboratory, Grant Control No. 2006-009.

(Referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee and to the Board of Health)

Recommendation of the Board of Health: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to apply for funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association/Great Lakes International Environmental Laboratory.

Fiscal Note: The amount being applied for is \$200,000 per year for three years. There is no match required by the City.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to apply for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association/Great Lakes International Environmental Laboratory grant, Grant Control No. 2006-009, in the amount of \$200,000 per year for three years, to be utilized to develop a beach management/classification system for the Great Lakes.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [National Oceanic-Great Lakes.pdf](#)

Ms. Janelle Grammer provided a brief explanation of the communication.

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

Recommended For Approval

06-1533

Subject: The Public Health Administrator requests permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Managed Health Services.

(Referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee and to the Board of Health)

Recommendation from the Board of Health: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign a contract with Managed Health Services so that the Racine City Health Department is able to bill for and receive reimbursement for services rendered to Managed Health Services and Medicaid/BadgerCare enrollees.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation from Finance & Personnel Committee: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign a contract with Managed Health Services enabling the City of Racine's Health Department to receive Medicaid reimbursement for dedicated health care services provided to the Managed Health Services and Medicaid/Badger Care enrollees.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Managed Health Services.pdf](#)

Ms. Grammer provided a brief explanation of the communication.

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

Recommended For Approval

06-1622-A

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from the Centers for Disease Control in the amount of \$106,692. There is a 50% in-kind soft match required. (Grant Control #2006-010)

(Also referred to Finance and Personnel Committee)

Board of Health's Recommendation: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to apply for funding from the Centers for Disease Control for the continuation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Fiscal Note: \$106,692 (A 50% in-kind soft match is required by the City).

Attachments: [Centers for Disease Control.pdf](#)

Ms. Marcia Fernholz provided a brief explanation of the communication.

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Dr. Mohammed Rafiullah. Motion carried.

Recommended For Approval

Old Business

Ms. Grammer informed the Board that Mr. Mark Huber, MS, Aurora Health Care, will be giving a presentation at the April 11 Board meeting. The presentation will be on the Racine Area Community Health Survey.

New Business

Ms. Sarah Clemons was introduced to the Board. Ms. Clemons was recently promoted to the position of Asst. Director of Community Health Programs/Clinic Manager. She will also assume the responsibilities of the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWPP). Ms. Lois Stanton, RN, was responsible for the activities related to the program until her resignation (effective March 13).

Ms. Clemons stated that she is glad to be a part of the management team, and is optimistic that she will perform well in her new position.

Reports

Monthly Reports from the Public Health Administrator and Division Managers:

Public Health Administrator - Ms. Grammer thanked Ms. Rosa Salinas-Hultman for her invitation to become a member of the Tuesday Optimist's Club.

-Ms. Salinas-Hultman stated that the teleconference that was recently held between several Health Department staff members and she should be included in the April minutes. Ms. Salinas-Hultman said that she felt it was important for the minutes to reflect the partnership between the Hispanic Round Table and the Health Department, and their efforts to bridge the gap and address health disparities that are affecting the Hispanic community.

Environmental Health - No updates

-There was a lengthy discussion on the Health Department's goals pertaining to lead abatement in the city of Racine. Ms. Fernholz informed the Board that the Health Department is continually seeking funding sources that will aid in the elimination of lead in our homes and in our children.

Ms. Fernholz stated that the number of lead poisoned children in Racine is continuing to decline, but there is still a long way to go. In 2005, there were 175 lead-poisoned children (levels >10), and in 2004 there were 188 lead-poisoned children (levels >10) in the city.

Laboratory - Dr. Julie Kinzelman stated that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is having an event in acknowledgement of Clean Beaches Week. The DNR would like to highlight Racine because we are only one of two areas in Wisconsin that has had good water quality over the last three years. Racine beaches remained open 85 percent or more (on an average) then other area beaches. In addition, Racine received the Blue Wave designation.

-Dr. Kinzelman informed the Board that the Clean Beaches Council has been asked to write an article on beaches for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The Council asked Dr. Kinzelman, Mayor Gary Becker and Ms. Bonnie Prochaska, Sustainable Racine, if we could assist them in writing the article in which the city of Racine would be highlighted.

-Dr. Kinzelman will be attending the annual meeting of the Amercian Society for Microbiology in Orlando, FL. She will be attending a workshop on real-time PCR applications for clinical labs and will also present a poster based on the city's research on potential human pathogens and seagull feces.

Community Health Programs/Clinic - Ms. Thelma Jones provided the Board with information regarding the closing of the 21st Century Preparatory School. Students and teachers have been out sick with a gastrointestinal illness. The school is being cleaned and sanitized thoroughly in an effort to "get rid of" bacteria.

Motion was made by Dr. Rafiullah and seconded by Ms. Sollman. Motion carried.

The Report was Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.