

# City of Racine

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

**4:15 PM**

**City Hall, Room 209**

## **Board of Health**

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

**Call To Order**

- PRESENT:** 6 - William Little M.D., Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., John Berge Ph.D., Robert Mozol, Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman
- EXCUSED:** 2 - Sarah Fouse MSN and Maria Morales

**Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2007 Meeting**

*Correction to May 8, 2007 Minutes - John Berge, Ph.D. was recorded as absent. He was excused.*

**A motion was made by Raymond DeHahn , seconded by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED**

**Old Business**

*Janelle Grammer put together a letter addressing the potential relocation of the WIC Program. The Board of Health agreed to sign the letter in support that WIC stay in its present location when the Department of Health and Family Services spins off their children's section. However, it was recently learned that a new rendition is being presented at WALHDAB on 06-13-07. When Janelle has the new rendition she will send it out for signatures.*

**New Business****07-0744**

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Mayor Gary Becker to present a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Health Care Network as a one time donation.

*Mayor Gary Becker presented a \$10,000 check to Executive Director Barb Tylenda of Health Care Network. He complimented the Board and staff of the Health Department for their dedication and commitment to the community. He expressed his concern that all people have health care available to them.*

*Barb Tylenda accepted the check. Barb brought a 20 year anniversary book about the history of Health Care Network. She explained how it speaks to the relationship that Health Care Network has had with the Health Department for the last 20 years.*

**07-0571**

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept a contract from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health.

**(Also refer to the Board of Health)**

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 6-11-07:** The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept a contract from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health (Grant Control #2007-027) in the amount of \$500.00 for West Nile virus prevention and that Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 06-12-07:** The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept a contract from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health in the amount of \$500.00 for West Nile Virus prevention and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement.

**Fiscal Note:** \$500.00 Grant; No match required by the City.

**Attachments:** [West Nile Virus](#)

*The \$500 is a reduced amount from the previous West Nile Virus grant. The money we receive will be used for education, pamphlets and the mailing of dead corvids that are found.*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D. , seconded by Raymond DeHahn, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED**

[07-0665](#)

**Subject:** A communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network. (Grant Control #2007-005)

**(Also refer to the Board of Health.)**

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 6-11-07:** The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept funding from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (Grant Control #2007-005) in the amount of \$7,236 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 06-12-07:** The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept funding from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network in the amount of \$7,236 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

**Fiscal Note:** \$7,236 Grant; soft match of \$5,045.20 covered by the City. Soft match will be fulfilled by \$3,700 worth of existing equipment, 15 staff hours and \$790.20 in existing grants.

**Attachments:** [Root-Pike Accept](#)  
[Root-Pike Funding](#)

*This is a new grant that Dr. Kinzelman applied for and received. The funds will be used for base-line assessment of the water quality of Root River.*

*Alderman DeHahn suggested that the river bottom be inspected for chromium that was dumped several years ago by plating companies.*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D. , seconded by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., that this be Approved. The motion PASSED**

[07-0735](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Racine on the Lake

Tobacco Free Coalition presenting a Resolution to support a statewide smoke free workplace law to the City of Racine Board of Health for signatures.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 06-12-07:** The Resolution from the Racine on the Lake Tobacco Free Coalition to support a statewide smoke free workplace law be signed by the Board of Health as well as Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, Marcia Fernholz, Director of Environmental Health and Thelma Jones, Director of Community Health Programs.

**Attachments:** [Smoke Free](#)

*The ordinance restricting smoking in doorways was discussed. There is no restriction of how many feet you must be from a doorway while smoking when you have public right of way up to the building which City Hall has on the North and South sides. The ordinance does include building porches, exterior stairways, patios, entrances, exits and landings which City Hall does have on the East and West sides. Bill Miller is working on updating the signs.*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D. , seconded by Mary Sollman, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED**

**07-0743**

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** May Monthly Reports from the Health Department.

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

*Public Health Administrator - Janelle Grammer, Marcia Fernholz and Michele Breheim attended the annual Public Health Association/Wisconsin Association of Local Health Department and Board meeting. It was based on emergency response and pandemic.*

*On June 31, 2007 there was a Team Building Seminar at Gateway for all Health Department staff. It was a very informative seminar and much was learned from it.*

*Environmental Health - The HUD Program is up and running very strong. Several risk assessments have been performed and are being processed to get the houses completed. Applications are still coming in. A lot of outreach and education is going on in the community.*

*Grass Seed has been purchased to plant in areas where soil samples have high lead levels to discourage children from playing in those areas. The children are encouraged to help plant the grass and care for it.*

*Racine does have a Lead Elimination Plan in place with a goal of eliminating lead by 2010. From 2005 to 2006 Racine had a 25% reduction in the number of children that were poisoned.*

*Community Health Program - Racine did have one TB case this month. We are currently in the process of doing testing and follow up with the family.*

*The City had over 20 cases of Salmonella from the beginning of May until now. Racine has been working with the Village of Caledonia where the suspected source of the Salmonella was. There were a total of over 30 cases that had matching DNA.*

*There is a Town Hall meeting on June 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. addressing infant mortality. This is part of the framework for reducing disparity in birth outcome that was put in motion by the State last year. The meeting will be held by Dr. Sherri Johnson, the State Health Officer.*

*Representative Cori Mason put together a bill that made it through the Joint Finance Committee to bring \$250,000 a year for two years to Racine to address infant mortality and disparity. The bill passed unanimously.*

*A study is being conducted by DHFS as Racine's immunization rates are so high. Because the City of Racine, Aurora and Wheaton Franciscon all use the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, Racine appears to have very high immunization rates. Also, Wheaton Franciscon partially evaluates it's physicians on how high their immunization rates are so more children are being immunized.*

*Laboratory - Beach sampling has begun. There were no advisories in May and one in June that was rain associated. Dr. Kinzelman is doing Lake Michigan water sampling covered by a DNR grant. Milwaukee and Oak Creek are involved and cooperating while Kenosha has opted out of the grant.*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Mary Sollman, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED.**

## **Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D. and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion Carried**