

City of Racine

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 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 and Julie Kinzelman, PhD. Ms. Terri Ailes was excused.

PRESENT: 5 - William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse MSN, John Berge Ph.D., Cherri Cape and Raymond DeHahn

ABSENT: 1 - Mohammed Rafiullah M.D.

EXCUSED: 2 - Rosa Salinas-Hultman and Mary Sollman

Approval of Minutes for 12/13/05 Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. John Berge and seconded by Alderman Cherri Cape. Motion carried.

to Approve the Minutes

Communications

05-1334

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission that the City enter into contracts with the Villages of Elmwood Park and Wind Point to provide Level 1 Health Services for 2006 through 2008.

Also referred to the Board of Health.

Board of Health's recommendation:

Recommendation: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into contracts with the Villages of Elmwood Park and Wind Point for Level 1 Health Services for 2006-2008.

Fiscal Note: The cost to Elmwood Park will be \$811 for 2006, \$1,277 for 2007 and \$1,341 for 2008. The cost to Wind Point will be \$2,114 for 2006, \$2,220 for 2007 and \$2,331 for 2008. These costs represent a 5% increase for each of the three years.

Finance & Personnel Committee's recommendation

Recommendation: that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into agreements with the Villages of Elmwood Park and Wind Point for Level 1 Health Services for the period of three years 2006 - 2008.

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Attachments: VEP VWP contracts.pdf

*Motion was made by Alderman Raymond DeHahn and seconded by Alderman Cape.
Motion carried to approve the request.*

Recommended For Approval

Old Business

Concealed Carry Bill - Representative John Lehman sent a letter to Dr. William Little in response to the Board's letter regarding its' opposition to the Concealed Carry Bill (Assembly Bill 763). In his letter, Representative Lehman states that Governor James Doyle indicated that he intends to veto the bill.

Alderman DeHahn stated that he spoke to Chief David Spenner and Sheriff Robert Carlsen about the bill. They indicated that there is no way any Police Department in the state will favor this bill. They added that the last thing we need is more guns on the street.

**Motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and seconded by Ms. Sarah Fouse.
Motion carried to receive and file the letter.**

New Business

1) Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection - Ms. Marcia Fernholz informed the Board that the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP) is requesting the City of Racine Health Department to become an agent for the state for the inspection of retail establishments. The Health Department currently acts as an agent for the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services in conducting restaurant inspections. Although retail establishments are included in the City Sanitation Program, those establishments are still required to have WDATCP permits. Assuming the role of agent for the state would enable the Health Department to generate additional revenue and set its' own fee schedules. We would also be able to access more retail establishments than we currently are able to. The Health Department is therefore requesting the Board's permission to negotiate with the WDATCP for agent status.

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried to grant the request to negotiate with the WDATCP.

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2) "Wisconsin County Health Rankings 2005" - Ms. Janelle Grammer provided the Board with a synopsis of the report and informed them of the four parameters that measure a Health Department. They are: healthcare, health behaviors, socio-economic factors and physical environment. Ms. Grammer shared with the Board how Racine County ranked in each of the categories.

Alderman DeHahn asked if we could determine the differences between what the city and the county are doing to address the issues identified in the rankings. Ms. Grammer stated that she would study this further and report back at the next meeting.

Ms. Grammer also informed the Board that she spoke to Chief Spenner on the subject of retail establishments selling tobacco to minors. Currently if an establishment is found to be selling to a minor a second time, they will receive a citation. The Health Department is proposing changing that to citing on the first offense. Many of these establishments will change the business name, transfer ownership, etc., several times a year. This tactic makes it appear that the establishment received one citation, when in fact if they had retained the same business name, they would have multiple citations on record. Multiple citations would result in them losing their license. Ms. Grammer stated that she will also be meeting with Sheriff Carlsen to discuss this proposal.

3) 05-1354 - Brighter Futures Grant - Permission requested to approve the request.

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Sarah Fouse. Motion carried to approve the request.

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Reports

Public Health Administrator - No updates.

Environmental Health - Ms. Fernholz stated that 2006 animal licensing is underway. Environmental Health will be holding a clinic on January 19 in the lower level of City Hall. Both rabies and distemper vaccinations will be available, in addition to microchipping.

Laboratory -

1) Dr. Julie Kinzelman stated that the lab is not able to perform mercury testing. Our equipment does not have the capability to perform that analysis. The State Laboratory of Hygiene does perform testing on blood and urine to determine mercury levels, however there is a cost involved. Dr. Kinzelman informed the Board that if they are interested in pursuing this option she can research various funding options (i.e. grants).

A motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried authorizing the Health Department to research possible funding that could be used for the testing of blood mercury levels.

2) Dr. Kinzelman informed the Board that the City of Madison Health Department applied for a planning grant through the Wisconsin Partnership Program. If funding is received, they would be used to assess public health laboratory capabilities in the state of Wisconsin. The Racine Health Department wrote a letter of support. Recently we were notified by the Madison Health Department that they were awarded the grant. We will be partnering with them on this project.

Community Health Programs/Clinic - No updates.

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Fouse. Motion carried to receive and file the reports.

The Report was Received and Filed

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Fouse. Motion carried to receive and file the reports.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Berge and seconded by Ms. Fouse. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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