

City of Racine

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 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:** 5 - William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse MSN, Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., John Berge Ph.D. and Raymond DeHahn
- EXCUSED:** 2 - Mary Sollman and Tim Hermes

Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2006 Meeting

*Correction: Item 06-2771 Motion to recommend for approval was made by Dr. Berge.
Item 06-2678 Motion to recommend for approval was made by Dr. Berge.*

Motion was made to approve with corrections by Dr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried.
to Approve the Minutes

Approval of Minutes for November 21, 2006 Special Meeting

A more detailed report of the minutes was requested and will be submitted for the next Board of Health meeting.

Motion was made to defer approval of the minutes until the next meeting by Alderman DeHahn and seconded by Dr. Berge. Motion carried.

Old Business

Alderman Weidner instructed that during the audit presentation the Board was only to ask questions; therefore, Dr. Little was unable to give the Board's response to the audit.

New Business

Ms. Grammer had a meeting with Steve Nenonen to discuss the audit. The recommendation to eliminate the immunization nurse was rejected. The recommendation for public health nurses to go full time and to reduce the number of public health nurses was also rejected. All other recommendations were put on a specific timeline. Ms. Grammer was given time to respond to the other recommendations, ranging from 30 days to the end of August 2007. She also noted that there are 9, not 6, other level 3 health departments with laboratories in the state, but three do not do clinical testing.

Motion was made for the Public Health Administrator and Dr. Little to prepare a letter to Council with the Board's response to the audit. Motion made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried.

Ms. Rosa Salinas-Hultman resigned from the Board of Health in October. Ms. Grammer is attempting to contact a potential replacement for her.

06-2845

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an amended contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the Women, Infants and Children Program. The revised funding amount for the second year of a four year contract (2007) is \$199,346.

The contract has been reviewed and approved by Terry Maier in the

Finance Department. The grant control number is 2006-049.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 11-27-06:

The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an amended contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and family Services for the Women, Infants and Children Program (Grant Control Number 2006-049) for a revised amount of \$199,346 in the second year (2007) of a four year contact.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an amended contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and family Services for the Women, Infants and Children Program (Grant Control Number 2006-049) for a revised amount of \$199,346 in the second year (2007) of a five year contact.

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

Attachments: [WIC accept](#)

Correction: This is the second year of a five year contract, not a four.

Motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and seconded by Dr. Berge. Motion carried.
Recommended For Approval

06-2846

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an amended contract with the United Way of Racine County, Inc. The original contract (resolution number 6663) covered the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The amended contract covers the period through June 30, 2007. The amount funded is \$34,000.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-27-06: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an amended contract with United way of Racine County, Inc. for an extension of the project from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007 with additional funding of \$34,000.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an amended contract with United way of Racine County, Inc. for an extension of the project from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007 with additional funding of \$34,000.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [United Way Letter](#)
[United Way Original Letter](#)

United Way is changing its fiscal year to a July-June calendar so this is a six month extension.

Motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and seconded by Dr. Berge. Motion carried.
Recommended For Approval

06-2879

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the Consolidated Grant. Funding is for the period of January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007, and is for the amount of \$322,654.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$322,654 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-053) to be utilized for the Emergency Planning, Lead, Well Women Program, Immunizations and Maternal Child Health.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$322,654 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-053) for the Consolidated Grant.

Fiscal Note: There is an in-kind soft match of \$60,548 on the part of the City.

Motion was made by Dr. Berge and seconded by Alderman DeHahn. Motion carried.
Recommended For Approval

06-2880

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The contract is for the Tobacco Prevention Control Program for the period of January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007, and is for the amount of \$57,998.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$57,998 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-055) to be utilized for the Tobacco Prevention Control Program.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$57,998

agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-055) to be utilized for the Tobacco Prevention Control Program.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required on the part of the City.

Ongoing grant which funds the Wisconsin Wins program and the Tobacco Free Coalition.

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

Recommended For Approval

06-2881

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The contract is for Preparedness-City Readiness and Pandemic Influenza for the period January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007, and is for the amount of \$70,307.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$70,307 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-054) to be utilized for Preparedness - City Readiness and Pandemic Influenza.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$70,307 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-054) to be utilized for Preparedness - City Readiness and Pandemic Influenza.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required on the part of the City.

This is the second year for the Pandemic Influenza grant and the first for the City Readiness Initiative. Funding facilitates many requirements on state and federal levels.

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

Recommended For Approval

Reports

06-2934

Attachments: [PHA Nov 2006](#)
[EH Nov 2006](#)
[EH Rev Nov 2006](#)
[CHP Nov 2006](#)
[CHP Rev Nov 2006](#)
[Clinic Nov 2006](#)
[Lab Nov 2006](#)
[Lab Rev Nov 2006](#)

Public Health Administrator - November 21 the Common Council accepted the Mayor's amended budget for 2007. A Public Health Nurse was reinstated. The final union has agreed to the negotiated contract. This includes a three percent increase based on Jan. 1, 2006. The funding is available for this. On November 20 a functional emergency response exercise was held using a potential anthrax exposure as the scenario. Volunteer "patients" made it very realistic and worthwhile. The Tri-County Consortium has worked together very well. The Health Department has 560 doses of Influenza vaccine remaining which they will try to administer by holding clinics.

Environmental Health – There was a site visit from the new CDC lead program manager for Wisconsin this month. She was very impressed. The department is seeing an increase in the number of kids tested for lead poisoning this year. It's a requirement for Medicaid for 2 year olds to be tested. We will be utilizing a case worker to reach out to children which may actually increase numbers because of doing a more thorough search, not because numbers are actually going up. The graph should show an increase in the number of children tested, not just the numbers with high lead levels.

The numbers of pet licenses fluctuates with large increases in revenue starting in December for the following year's licensing. Many people dropped their pet fanciers licenses this past year. The department does take reports of people with unlicensed animals and follow up on them.

The Journal Times stated that Ms. Fernholz said it's illegal to feed birds in Racine which is incorrect. It's not illegal if you use a bird feeder but it is illegal to put feed on the ground. It is also illegal to feed seagulls and geese.

Community Health Programs – Ms. Grammer reported that all staff participated in bloodborne pathogen training. This year the number of kids receiving fluoride varnishing increased by over 600%. Fluoride varnishing should be applied four times a year. The department follows CDC recommendations on fluoride treatments.

There is one active TB case in Caledonia and possibly one in Western Racine. There are none in the City.

Currently the department is not administering the HPV vaccine.

Clinic – The state WIC program has increased the department's contracted case load because it has consistently surpassed it. This increases the grant amount.

Laboratory – Natalie Jassoy is not returning from maternity leave. The lab is short staffed. Ms. Grammer was told she would receive ½ FTE and the temporary could stay as long as she stayed within the guidelines of Natalie's salary. The lab temp is currently working 8 hours per week and can only work 1 additional hour. Ms. Fernholz is reviewing the job description. It's going to be difficult to find someone to work ½ time on staggered hours. On December 15 they will discuss having the Public Health Nurses and the Health Aid go through refreshment of blood draws on children. They are considering

sending the lead samples to the State Lab of Hygiene which processes blood leads at no cost. Ms. Grammer said they will fine tune the department's focus on Friday at the manager's retreat.

The lab has discovered sources of water pollution in Washington Park. Public Works has the funding and is working with Earthtech to repair the problems. It was suggested that the department should ask DPW for more money for research/testing.

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

Adjournment

Miscellaneous - Tom Bunker, head of Water and Wastewater is retiring in mid-February.

Beginning next year the department will provide the Board with output number every month along with a YTD numbers.

The Board of Health will be recognizing Dr. Kinzelman for her excellent work.

Ms. Fernholz will research possible recycling programs for prescription medications or how they should be disposed of. The Healthcare Network only takes drugs from corporations, pharmacies or drug companies. Bills in congress now asking for cancer medication to be recycled.

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