

# City of Racine

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 14, 2007**

**4:15 PM**

**City Hall, Room 209**

### **Board of Health**

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

**Call To Order**

- PRESENT:** 5 - William Little M.D., Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., John Berge Ph.D., Maria Morales and Robert Mozol
- EXCUSED:** 3 - Sarah Fouse Ph.D., Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman

**Approval of Minutes for July 10, 2007 Meeting**

*Correction to Minutes of July 10, 2007:*

*Page 1, Old Business, Paragraph 4, the word "physician" changed to "PhD".*

*Page 1, Old Business, Paragraph 6, Paragraph beginning "The Board of Health members discussed...", the following be added to the end of the paragraph, "The Board voted and the motion PASSED."*

*Page 2, item #07-0760, "07-20-07" changed to "07-10-07".*

*Page 6, Paragraph 6, Paragraph beginning "Alderman Mozol made a motion...", the following be added to the end of the paragraph, "The Board voted and the motion PASSED".*

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

**Miscellaneous Reports/Presentations**

*Diane Lange, Teen Parenting Nurse, gave a presentation of some of the things going on in the Teen Parenting Grant. Diane spoke about the Man Talk Program which was started in 2003. Man Talk is a group of men that speak about sexual responsibility and healthy choices that young men can make and the legalities of giving sexual consent under the age of 18 in Wisconsin. A 2004-2007 Man Talk Summary Table was distributed. The program reached a total of 189 boys. A Woman Talk Program was started this year. Both programs concentrate on public middle schools and high schools where most of our teen pregnancies originate.*

*Michele Breheim presented the final draft of the continuity of operations plan in case of pandemic influenza. Michele has been meeting with the administrative managers and key personnel to develop the plan. The plan is available on the City of Racine website ([www.cityofracine.org](http://www.cityofracine.org)) under Health Department, Preparedness and Pandemic Influenza. The plan is also located on CORI. The group will be meeting regularly to keep the plan up to date.*

*Dr. Little asked about the ordering of the flu vaccines. Thelma Jones stated that the Health Department is purchasing 400 doses of the flu vaccine and that the Health Department also receives vaccines for children from the state that the Health Department does not purchase.*

**Old Business**

*Thelma Jones stated that Janelle discussed the STD services situation with Mayor Becker. He indicated that he would like to handle it on a City level and find an appropriate contractual agent. If that is not possible, The Health Department would look to hire a medical doctor. A copy of Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 252.11(11) Communicable Diseases, regarding STD services was reviewed. The Board questioned whether the City STD Clinic requires a fee for it's STD services. Alderman Mozol indicated that because the City asks the clients for the \$10 fee, it is not a free clinic; although, if the clients cannot pay, they are still provided services.*

*The Board expressed concern about Mt. Pleasant, Caledonia and Western Racine not having access to any free Communicable Disease treatment. A discussion was held regarding the County's responsibility for providing free STD services.*

*Dr. Little made a motion that the Health Director contact Mayor Becker to determine whether the Mayor or the Board of Health should contact the County Executive, William McReynolds, regarding free STD services. It was seconded by Alderman Mozol. The Board voted and the motion PASSED.*

*Mayor Becker came in and Dr. Little explained the Board's understanding that the County is responsible for having an STD clinic and that the state statutes indicate it should be a free clinic. The Mayor inquired what the cost of the clinic is to the City. It was pointed out that the costs come from several different areas. Mayor Becker agreed to discuss the situation with the County. The Mayor said that statutes do not require the City to have a Health Department, they allow us to have a Health Department. If we choose not to have a Health Department the County must step in and provide services.*

*A final draft with suggested changes of the City of Racine Health Department 2006 Annual Report was presented to the Board of Health. It was approved and will be printed and sent out to local media.*

## **New Business**

### **07-0918**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$5,190. (Grant Control #2007-030).

(Also Refer to the Board of Health.)

### **Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**07-23-07:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$5,190 agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the 2007 Wisconsin Great Lakes Nearshore Monitoring Project (Grant Control No. 2007-030) to be utilized for monitoring Great Lakes Beaches.

### **Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**8-13-07:** The item to be received and filed.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 08-14-07:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$5,190 agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the 2007 Wisconsin Great Lakes Nearshore Monitoring Project (Grant Control No. 2007-030) to be utilized for monitoring Great Lakes Beaches.

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

**Attachments:** [Beaches 5.190](#)

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

**07-0919**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the WellPoint Foundation. (Grant Control #2007-041).

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

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**07-23-07:** Permission granted for the Health Administrator to apply for the \$150,000 WellPoint Foundation grant (Grant Control No. 2007-041) to be utilized for the Racine Infant Mortality Prevention Initiative.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 08-14-07:** Permission granted for the Health Administrator to apply for the \$150,000 WellPoint Foundation grant (Grant Control No. 2007-041) to be utilized for the Racine Infant Mortality Prevention Initiative.

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

**Attachments:** [WellPoint IM 150.000](#)

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

**07-0920**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$67,000 from the Community - Academic Partnership Fund. (Grant Control #2007-042).

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

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**07-23-07:** Permission granted for the Health Administrator to apply for the \$67,000 Community-Academic Partnership Fund for the Racine Infant Mortality Coalition (Grant Control No. 2007-042).

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 08-14-07:** Permission granted for the Health Administrator to apply for the \$67,000 Community-Academic Partnership Fund for the Racine Infant Mortality Coalition (Grant Control No. 2007-042).

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

**Attachments:** [IM Leader 67.000](#)

*Thelma Jones explained that this would be a partnership with Theresa Johnson, Clinical Nurse Specialist, from UWM College of Nursing who has a clinical appointment at All Saints working in the Women and Infants Unit. The plan for the money is to provide leadership for the Infant Mortality Coalition and someone to coordinate all of the activities. The actual grant has to be in by August 31, 2007.*

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

**07-1100**

**Subject:** Ordinance 17-07 - To amend Sec. 22-114 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Animal Commercial Establishments - Purchase, keeping or sale of endangered or dangerous species.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 08-14-07:** The Committee recommends that Ordinance 17-07, Sec. 22-114 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine not be amended.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Berge, Ph.D., Maria Morales and William Little, M.D. agreed that turtles should stay in their natural habitat and should not be sold in pet stores.*

**A motion was made by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., seconded by Robert Mozol, that this be Approved. The motion FAILED.**

**AYES:** 2 - Mohammed Rafiullah M.D. and Robert Mozol

**NOES:** 3 - William Little M.D., John Berge Ph.D. and Maria Morales

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Sarah Fouse Ph.D., Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman

Reports

**07-1037**

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) July monthly reports from the Public Health Administrator and Division Managers.

**Attachments:** [PHA Rep](#)  
[TOB-WWWP Rep](#)  
[EH Rep](#)  
[EH Rev](#)  
[CHP Rep](#)  
[CHP Rev](#)  
[LAB Rep](#)  
[LAB Rev](#)

*Public Health Administrator - (Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator was excused from the meeting.) Thelma Jones stated that the Health Department met with Sandy Poehlman from the state on the Con Grants and that everything looks good.*

*Tobacco Control and WWWP - Dr. Little questioned where the signed Resolution Supporting Smoke-Free Worksites was at. It was asked that Sarah Clemons provide information on how the resolution is being processed.*

*Environmental Health - Marcia Fernholz stated that they have started their soft-serve sample testing and more than 50% passed.*

*Bob Carlson did a class on lead poisoning prevention information to first time home buyers. He is educating people that lead is a problem. Bob is letting first time home buyers know that lead could be present in homes they are buying and they could be putting their families in danger if they are disturbing it. Bob is making people aware that there are services to help them. The classes will continue to be offered in English and Spanish. This is being funded by a piece of a grant through the individual development accounts which provides funding in grants to first time home buyers.*

*CHP - Thelma Jones explained that there were some computer issues and she did not have access to the program where she runs her monthly report; therefore, the nurse of the day numbers were off.*

*The funding for our Teen Program comes from the County, United Way and Maternal Child Health. Thelma expressed concern that Our United Way money was decreased this year and she received information that the City Health Department will not be receiving the funding from the County next year. The County was providing \$70,000 that was divided between the City of Racine, Caledonia and Western Racine. The City was keeping approximately 58% of the money and the other municipalities divided the rest of the funds. Thelma is currently working on the situation to get the City's funding back. She has written a letter to the person in charge of the children and youth division expressing the urgency of the City's Teen Program to receive the funding.*

*Thelma received notice that the WIC caseload has been raised to 1,616 which will increase funding by approximately \$15,000.*

*Lab - Julie Kinzelman informed the Board that Racine's North Beach was recognized by the National Resource Defense Council "beach buddy" for the second time. The first time in 2003 and again in 2007. Racine has 1 of 13 beaches in the country that were recognized.*

*Samples from Mallard Shores Homeowners Association were taken due to their interest in problems they're having with their lake and excessive plant growth. E. coli and phosphorus levels were tested and the phosphorus levels came back extremely high.*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., that the monthly reports be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED.**

## **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn was made by John Berge, Ph.D and seconded by Rafiullah Mohammed, M.D. Motion Carried.**