

CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
Monthly Board Meeting
April 26, 2011

- PRESENT:** Sharon Buhr, Chair
Tom Overn, Vice Chair
Dr. James Buhr, Secretary (arrived 4:20 p.m.)
- George Dutton
Cindy Schwehr (left 5:25 p.m.)
- ABSENT:** None.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Theresa Will, RN, Director
Angie Martin, CCHD Office Mgr.
Paula Thomsen, CCHD Home Care Coordinator
Morgan Foster, Community Health Assessment presenter
Cheryl & Bruce Foster
Keith Heuser, Mercy Hospital CEO
Sheyenne Valley Friends of Animals members
- CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. by Sharon Buhr, Chair, in the County Commission room in the Barnes County Courthouse.
- AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as presented.
- MINUTES:** Overn moved to approve the March 22, 2011 minutes as presented. Second by Dutton. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the Director's Report. Will provided an update regarding the ND Legislative session. State Aid to public health increased by \$200,000 across the state.
- VOUCHERED EXPENSES:** Dutton moved, Overn seconded a motion to approve the vouchered expenses for April/May. Unanimous vote, motion carried.
- FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial report was reviewed.
- NEW BUSINESS:** Item No. 2 under New Business was moved to the forefront. The 2010 Public Health Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Sheyenne Valley Friends of Animals for their work to improve the lives of domestic animals in the Sheyenne River Valley, which in turn improves the public health of Barnes County residents. Sharon Buhr cited such projects as the spay/neuter program, animal waste disposal bags, the new dog park at Chautauqua Park, licensing/microchipping/rabies vaccines for all animals adopted to families, and humane education for our community and in the schools.
- OLD BUSINESS:** A brief Achieve grant update provided. Will noted that CCHD has received the annual cost report and she will be bringing more information regarding it to the May Board meeting.
- CCHD strategic planning meeting will be held Friday, June 3, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at The Legacy Place in Valley City. All Board members are invited to participate. Snacks and lunch will be served prior to the staff appreciation speaker (Kostas Voutsas) who will

be providing the afternoon presentation. CCHD is seeking 4 CEUs from the ND Board of Nursing for the presentation. Applying for these continuing education units will help curb costs as nursing staff will not have to travel as much to obtain necessary credits at out-of-town presentations.

NEW BUSINESS: Will noted that the community cholesterol screenings provided by CCHD and Mercy Hospital are not breaking even at this point. She asked the Board to decide whether to continue charging the same fee (\$30) or raise the fee to \$35. We haven't increased the fee for at least 5 years. Dr. Buhr moved to increase the fee for the cholesterol screening to \$35. Second by Overn. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Program evaluations tabled until the May meeting.

Community Health Assessment: Morgan Foster, MS in Public Health, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. She has worked with Drs. Dwelle and Pickard at the North Dakota Department of Health and through the Regional Network for Barnes, Stutsman, Wells and LaMoure counties. She presented information for all four counties regarding their current health status. (PowerPoint presentation printout in 2011 Health Board binder)

The Board discussed a \$35,000 demonstration grant available through NACCHO (National Association of County & City Health Officials). Deadline for the application is May 23, 2011. The grant (12 to be awarded nationwide) would be used for a community health assessment for Valley City and implementing a community health improvement plan. This would yield two of the three accreditation prerequisites for our health unit and would help Mercy Hospital meet one of their requirements. Dr. Buhr moved to pursue the NACCHO grant with Mercy Hospital and others. Second by Dutton. After further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, at 4 p.m. in the County Commission room.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Buhr, Secretary