

## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY

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Thursday, October 15, 2009

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility  
119 E. Olin Avenue Conference Room A & B

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 -

Lauren Cnare; Susan J. Zahner; Judith M. Wilcox; Patricia A. Lasky; Lori Kay and William C. Sonzogni

**Excused:** 1 -

Alan I. Schwartzstein

### 2. [15490](#) Review Current Policy of Fluoridating the Public Water Supply

**Attachments:**

[Division of Public Health Statement on Community Water Fluoridation.pdf](#)  
[Fluoridation Facts \(2\).pdf](#)  
[Registration Form #1.pdf](#)  
[Registration Form #2.pdf](#)  
[Registration Form #3.pdf](#)  
[Registration Form #4.pdf](#)  
[Water Fluoridation Hearing handout Carson Young.pdf](#)  
[Registration Form #5.pdf](#)  
[Handout by Gary Cohen Some Comments Opposing the Public Fluoridation](#)  
[Registration Form #6.pdf](#)  
[Handout by Bruce Rideout Publications & Presentations Roger Masters and](#)  
[Fluoride in Madison Drinking Water background.pdf](#)  
[Fluoridation Madison historical piece.pdf](#)  
[Community Water Fluoridation FINAL.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Cnare, seconded by Sonzogni, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

The Chair reviewed the request of the Water Utility Board to provide a recommendation on the continuation of the current fluoride policy issued by Public Health Madison and Dane County. Zahner called attention to the second to last paragraph of the department policy statement supporting and recommending water fluoridation using the optimum fluoride concentration of 1ppm as recommended by the CDC and World Health Organization. Cnare, as a member of both this Board and the Water Utility Board, felt it important that the public be heard and experts in this area be invited to speak to the Board of Health on this issue.

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Fluoridation of Public Drinking Water Policy Statement - Public Health Madison & Dane County

Attachments: [PHMDC Policy Statement Fluoridation of Public Drinking Water.pdf](#)

**This Miscellaneous was Accept**

Invited Presentations

Margaret Pfeffer Wisconsin Oral Health Program

She provided a handout from the Division of Public which was a statement on community water fluoridation, including a summary that it is the most efficient way to prevent tooth decay.

Timothy Koob

Dr. Koob is president of the Dane County Dental Society. He and another dentist, Eric Teduits, who practices pediatric dentistry, spoke to endorse fluoridation. Both of them are familiar with the studies and articles on the benefits, cost effectiveness, and the efficient help fluoridated water provides across all economic groups. The American Dental Association, Wisconsin Dental Association, American Medical Association and World Health Organization all support fluoride in the water.

Jeff Lafferty

The process used to develop the policy statement was to provide information to the public using a non-biased approach. It was initiated by calls and inquiries and put together to provide information to the public. This is a cost effective intervention that reaches all parts of the community. The policy was reviewed by Dr. Tom Schlenker, internal and external experts. With 50 years of data on fluoride it was deemed that the pros outweigh the cons.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 minutes per speaker**

Jason Lowrey – This speaker opposes the fluoride policy and believes people should have a choice. The safety issue is questionable. He made the point to be careful about the data you are looking at and consider that more research is needed on the correlation of effectiveness of fluoridation of the water supply.

Patrick Tepe - He is a practicing Dentist in Verona that supports the current fluoride policy. He finds more people drinking bottled water for different reasons and has seen an increase in tooth decay.

Steve Books – He questioned the chemical make-up of fluoride, opposes extra water fluoridation noting that toothpaste has fluoride.

Carson Young – He opposes the fluoridation policy. Fluoridation gave him severe eye problems after moving to Madison in 1948. He provided a handout to support his opinion.

Gary Cohen – He opposes the fluoride policy and provided a handout for Board members. He points out in the handout several publications to review including the journal Fluoride. This journal covers all biomedical aspects of research on fluoride but is still being excluded from US Public Health Service’s National Library of Medicine in lists of journals indexed.

Bruce Rideout – He opposes the fluoride policy. He provided a handout referencing publications by Roger Masters, a scientist at Dartmouth. Fluoride contains toxic chemicals, some the same as used in rat poison. He feels there is a profit motive to fluoridating water.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Cnare, seconded by Sonzogni, to Approve the Minutes.  
The motion passed by the following vote:**

- Present:** 1 -  
Susan J. Zahner
- Absent:** 1 -  
Donna Vogel
- Excused:** 1 -  
Alan I. Schwartzstein
- Ayes:** 4 -  
Lauren Cnare; Patricia A. Lasky; Lori Kay and William C. Sonzogni
- Abstentions:** 1 -  
Judith M. Wilcox

**5. CHAIR’S REPORT - Susan Zahner - 5 minutes**

**1. Thank You Letter to Donna Vogel**

Zahner reports that she wrote a thank you letter to Donna Vogel thanking her for her service on the Board. No replacement to the Board has been made.

**6. DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Tom Schlenker - 5 minutes**

Schlenker had a travel problem so he communicated his report through the Chair. The department received a grant from St. Mary's and Dane County Medical Society to show the video on infant mortality. In the next week or two, there should be an article in Newsweek magazine on infant mortality, and the video will be on the Newsweek website. The department's H1N1 team is doing a wonderful job. Kim Neuschel and Jessica LeClair, PHNs working in Meadowood, are getting notice for their ongoing work in Meadowood.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION REPORT - Tommye Schneider - 5 minutes**

Schneider reported on the incredible work and progress in the H1N1 planning done by using the incident command system learned through emergency preparedness work. School clinics will begin next week if the vaccine arrives and continue through approximately the end of November. A mass clinic is being planned in conjunction with MATC. Contractors have been lined up, staffing for the clinics identified and we await the vaccine from the state. She is very proud of the work staff has done. The Safe Food Advisory Committee continues their good work helping determine an on line inspection posting.

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April 2, 2009 Safe Food Advisory Committee Minutes

Attachments: [4 2 09 Safe Food Advisory Committee Minutes.pdf](#)

**This Miscellaneous was Accept**

**8. FAMILY/COMMUNITY HEALTH & POPULATION HEALTH DIVISIONS - Janel Heinrich - 5 minutes**

Heinrich echoed the incredible job that staff is doing given the time demands for H1N1 planning. A small clinic exercise was held yesterday afternoon with the clinic team participating in various roles. Zahner mentioned UW School of Nursing voted to support the effort and will be volunteering. Sonzogni asked if there is anything the Board could do, recognizing that business as usual will not happen during this time with H1N1 clinics ongoing. A designated staff person will be working with special populations, which includes the homeless population.

**9. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT - David Caes - 5 minutes**

Caes reports that the resolutions for information only are contracts with the state for Phases 1-3 of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grants. This money is already spent and in fact, it will cost approximately \$2,000,000 to run the clinics. AIDS Support Network funding has moved from the public health budget to the Office of Community Services. There were no amendments to the capital budget. The report today was that unions and the county are close to a contract agreement for next year. At the Board of Estimates meeting, there was a pleasant response to the anti-violence initiative in the Meadowood neighborhood. A joint meeting of the County Personnel and Finance and City Board of Estimates will take place October 19 at 6:00 p.m. in CCB, Room 309. Other agencies have really stepped forward to help with H1N1 planning, i.e. Information Technology, City Attorney and Document Services.

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES - 5 minutes**

**10. Executive - Zahner - No Report**

**11. Budget - Wilcox - Department Audit**

Wilcox would like to schedule a committee meeting when H1N1 settles down.

**12. Bylaws - Kay - No Report**

**13. Administrative Hearing - Kay - No Report**

**14. Personnel - Lasky - Report on Meeting Held October 15**

Lasky reports the committee anticipates presenting the changes to the process of the director's evaluation at the November meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS - 20 minutes**

**Board of Health Resolutions - Items 15 and 16 were taken on a consent agenda**

**15. Resolution #2009-18 on Refugee Health Screening - ACTION Item**

[16242](#) Board Resolution 2009-18 Refugee Health Screening

**Attachments:** [Board Resolution Refugee Health Screening 2009 18 BOH 10 15 09.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Wilcox, seconded by Lasky, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**16. Resolution #2009-19 Agent Agreement for Retail Food Licensing - ACTION Item**

[16243](#) Board Resolution #2009-19 Agent Agreement for Retail Food Licensing

**Attachments:** [Board Resolution Agent Agr Retail Food Licensing 2009 19 BOH 10 15 09.pc](#)

**A motion was made by Wilcox, seconded by Lasky, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**County Board Ordinance Amendments - Items 17 and 18 on consent agenda**

17. [16298](#) Ordinance Amendment 2009-2010 Amending Chapters 45 & 46 Revising Fees Charged for Environmental Health Services

**Attachments:** [Ord Amend Chapter 45 & 46 Revising Fees for Environmental Health .pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Wilcox, seconded by Cnare, to Forward to the County Board of Supervisors with the Recommendation for Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

The fee increase is needed in order to support the program.

18. [16299](#) Ordinance Amendment Chapter 46 Regarding Collection of Fees for Private Sewage System Maintenance Program

**Attachments:** [Ord Amend Chapter 46 Collection Fees Private Sewage System Maintenance](#)

**A motion was made by Wilcox, seconded by Cnare, to Forward to the County Board of Supervisors with the Recommendation for Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Hausbeck summarized the changes. The fee will be assessed every year, instead of every three years and will be included on the tax bill.

County Board Resolution

19. **Resolution #148, 09-10 for Safer Beaches and Cleaner Lakes - ACTION Item**

[16244](#) County Board Resolution 148, 09-10 for Safer Beaches and Cleaner Lakes

**Attachments:** [County Res 148 09-10 Safer Beaches and Cleaner Lakes.pdf](#)  
[Fiscal Note Safer Beaches & Cleaner Lakes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Kay, to Forward to the County Board of Supervisors with the Recommendation for Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

The intent is to affirm that various groups are working toward clean beaches. Lasky/Kay moved to support the resolution in principle but add that it may not be achieved without additional resources. Passed unanimously.

**The following resolutions are FOR INFORMATION ONLY and do not require action**

20. [16245](#) County Board Resolution (number to be assigned) 2009-2010 to Accept a Public Health Emergency Response Grant

**Attachments:** [County Res Accept PH Emergency Response Grant.pdf](#)

21. [16257](#) Resolution to Accept Grant for Public Health Emergency Response Phase 1 and 2 for H1N1

**Attachments:** [Adopted Resolution PH Emergency Response Phase 1 and 2.pdf](#)

22. [16194](#) A Resolution authorizing Public Health-Madison and Dane County to accept a grant up to \$765,000 and sign a grant agreement with the State of Wis. Department of Health Services, for Phase 3 of a Public Health Emergency Response grant related to H1N1 vaccinations, and amending the budget accordingly.

23. [16246](#) Draft Agenda for PHMDC Strategic Planning on November 30, 2009

**Attachments:** [Agenda Strategic Plan Session 11 30 09.pdf](#)

The Chair will attend at 3:00 and encourages Board members to attend if possible and participate. This needs to be posted as an open meeting.

24. **ADJOURNMENT - moved adjournment at 7:27 p.m.**

**This was Adjourn**