

MINUTES of Monona County Board of Health

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Monona County Board of Health was held in the Monona County Court House, Onawa, IA 51105 on **October 25, 2011**. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m., Board Chair, Kathleen Bonnes presiding.

Members in attendance: Kathleen Bonnes, Lorna McNeill, Vice-Chair, Mary Groda-Lewis, M.D., Teresa Butler, V. Eugene Hamman

Members not in attendance: N/A

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Dr Mary Groda-Lewis, seconded by Lorna McNeill to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Board, committee and administration reports:

1. Home Care Planning and Staffing: Ken provided an update of the Home Care Partnership Committee:

- An audit of the agency cost reports, determined that the cost per unit compares favorably to regional home care organizations. The home care service currently provides additional overhead support for other services. Sandy Weinhold, Siouxland Aging Services case provided Community Based Care Transition Programming details, and indicated she will invite Burgess Health Center to participate.
- Future challenges will include reductions in reimbursement, increasing potential for RAC audits, and pending legislation increasing home care provider accountability, e.g., electronic records, coordination of care requirements, etc. Investment Estimation of cost for electronic records is \$80,000 purchase or \$12,000 - \$16,000 annual lease. Estimation of additional staffing costs (new) is \$31,000 - .5 RN & .5 HCA

Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis made a motion to define the home care patient “safety-net”, e.g., provider availability, costs, patient choice, etc. prior to making a decision for discontinuing home care services provided by Monona County Public Health, seconded by Lorna McNeill.

Motion passed.

2. **Strategic Planning:** Ken presented his Executive Summary for 2012-2014 Strategic Plans, and requested two volunteers from the board of health to be on a strategic planning committee. Teresa Butler and V. Eugene Hamman volunteered.
3. **Comments:** Sandy Bubke, Environmental Health Officer, told that Randy Ross, EMA attributed the FEMA presence in Monona County to the work of Laura Oliver and she have done getting forms completed documenting the financial losses due to the 2011 Missouri River flooding.

New business:

1. Sandy Bubke stated that she had applied for a Radon Grant.
2. Sandy Bubke requested that she be allowed 10 minutes at most board of health meetings to provide updates to the board on environmental health issues.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Lorna McNeill, seconded by Teresa Butler to adjourn. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Secretary
Monona County Public Health

Date of approval