



# NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

Serving the communities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point,  
Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin

2010 E. Shorewood Blvd  
Shorewood, WI 53211  
April 21, 2016

The North Shore Board of Health meeting was called to order on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 7:02 pm by Ann Christiansen

1. Roll call

Present: Barbara Bechtel, Dr. Debesh Mazumdar, Bill Warner, Dr. Gary Lewis, Dr. Christopher Simenz, Jennifer Evertsen, Ann Christiansen, Kathleen Platt

Absent: Dr. M. Baisch, Dr. C. Altman

2. Persons Desiring to be heard- there were no persons desiring to be heard.

3. Approval of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes. An amendment was suggested by Ann Christiansen, for the minutes to include that Dr. Lewis was unanimously approved to remain as Chair of the Board of Health. Bill Warner made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with the amendment, the motion was seconded by Barbara Bechtel and approved.

4. Health Department Administrative Items

- Annual report- Board reviewed both formats for the 2015 Annual report - a smaller brochure and the longer booklet. Ann explained that the brochure format provides significant amounts of data in a short format and lists some of the data by community. This information is generally requested by the community managers/administrators. The new format is longer and more traditional, and is framed around the essential service provided by the Health Department. It provides data in a more global North Shore format, addressing trends in the North Shore, not by community. The data for 2015 was reviewed and trends discussed. We also reviewed accomplishments of the North Shore Health Department in 2015 as well as ongoing work being done within the department. There was a motion by Bill Warner that we continue to provide our annual report data in both formats, the motion was seconded by Dr. Chris Simenz and passed.
- Strategic Plan- There has not been much work done on the Strategic Plan, as end of year reporting and other urgent needs have come up. Ann reports that she plans to regain momentum on this in the near future and will have more to report in July.
- Quality Improvement Initiatives- Immunization Summary. Kathy Platt gave a brief report on a QI project completed within the department to address problems

maintaining accurate inventory records. Staff involved (Nurses and Administrative Assistant) identified contributing factors and adjusted how we process and track appointments and manage immunization inventory. In 2015, inventory was initially incorrect four months out of twelve. So far this year, we have had only one problem and it was not an inventory issue, but a data entry issue. Dr. Lewis suggested that we look into a scanning option that automatically enters vaccines into WIR with a handheld scanner at time of administration. There would be no need to manually enter any immunizations into WIR. He will forward information to Kathy or Ann.

#### 5. Reports and Discussions

- Disease Control and Prevention- Review of influenza related hospitalizations, which is the indicator of influenza activity for the community. We have had 42 flu related hospitalizations so far this season and activity is waning at this time. Most of the individuals were diagnosed with Influenza A, and most had documented flu vaccines for this flu season.
- Emerging diseases (Zika and Elizabethkingia, Ebola) Reviewed our role in monitoring and surveillance for these emerging diseases and discussed our participation in a regional Ebola tabletop exercise, which included other local health departments, hospitals, emergency preparedness staff and emergency management agencies. There are no Elizabethkingia infections in the North Shore, we are monitoring lab results for Zika, with none positive thus far, and we are no longer doing Ebola traveler monitoring.

#### Environmental Health

- North Shore Environmental Health consortium fee increase has been approved by all communities except Whitefish Bay, and that meeting is scheduled for May 2nd.
- Lead poisoning prevention
  - o There are currently projects being undertaken in Shorewood and Whitefish Bay to replace lead service lines and the health department has been involved in planning and communications to residents.
  - o We are planning our display boards this year around lead education and prevention, primarily to educate parents and community leaders about the hazards of lead and promote lead screening for all children at the ages of one year and two years. Our calculations (children screened in one year divided by number of births the previous year) indicates that approximately 40% of the children in the North Shore are being screened. We have had several instances of elevated capillary blood lead results as well as some elevated results confirmed by venous testing. We provide education with any elevated level and offer home visit and education if a venous lead level is 5.0 mcg/dL or more.
- Public Health Preparedness- We are participating in Active Shooter exercise with North Shore Fire/ Rescue and law enforcement in the next few weeks, and are also planning to participate in a full scale mass clinic drill in June for dispensing of prophylaxis medications in our "BAT 16" exercise. This will simulate a mass clinic,

during which we would dispense medications to all North Shore residents in the event of an anthrax dispersal.

6. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in Brown Deer
7. There was a motion to adjourn, by Barbara Bechtel, seconded by Chris and approved.

Dated: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Approved