

Trail County Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

7/26/10

Country Hearth – Hillsboro



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Trail District Health Unit

Present: Charles Breen, Jill Anderson, Steven Larson, Tom O’Keefe, Brenda Stallman

The meeting was called to order by president, Tom O’Keefe. Minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting were approved (Larson/Breen).

Financial statements and expenses for 4/1/10 – 6/30/10 were approved as distributed (Anderson/Larson).

Stallman presented Essential Services #10, *“Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.”*

A client in Traill County receiving medication at TDHU for active Tb has completed her treatment and is considered clear of disease and has no activity restrictions.

Stallman reported that she attended the annual National Assoc. of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) conference in Memphis last week and ended up with a case of food poisoning. Public health officials in Memphis are investigating the food borne illness.

ND local public health departments are starting a State Assoc. of City and County Health Officials (SACCHO) and will pay dues to the organization to help fund administration. The SACCHO chapter will help local health departments prioritize public health concerns and legislative issues.

NDPERS is the process of determining the need to increase retirement contributions to offset stock market losses. No definite bill has been formulated as of yet.

TDHU has been asked to assist Mayville Township in efforts to encourage clean-up of a rural property that is uninhabited and strewn with abandoned vehicles and debris. A registered sanitarian from Fargo Cass Public Health plans to look at the property this week. Stallman plans to approach city councils in each Traill County community about the necessity of developing a local pool ordinance.

Stallman and O'Keefe have studied ND public health and ND Job Service salary scales and found TDHU salaries to be behind state averages. Stallman presented two versions of a proposed budget for 2011 that would allow for salary increases that would bring THDU positions to the mid range of ND public health salaries for comparable positions.

Moved by Breen, seconded by Anderson to approve the proposed budget that would bring salaries to mid range in one year. All present voted in favor. O'Keefe plans to present the salary portion of the proposed budget at the meeting with Traill County Commissioners when the TDHU budget will be considered.

Public Health legislative issues in the upcoming session will include proposed legislation addressing the need of increased state aid to local health departments, the need for school nurses, and an increase in the tobacco tax.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Stallman for Charles Breen

NEXT MEETING October 25 at 7:00 a.m.