

Minutes
Berkeley County Board of Health
October 16, 2006

Present: Ruby Foltz Bill Kearns
 Diana Gaviria Pam Holstein-Wallace
 George Karos John Miller, III
 Sandra LeMaster

Guests: Vickie Greenfield

Call to order: 4:04pm by John Miller

Review of Minutes: George Karos made motion to approve minutes of August, 2006, Ruby Foltz second, motion approved.

Threat preparedness report: presented by Pam Holstein-Wallace

Nursing report: presented by Sandra LeMaster

- introduced new nurse employee Vickie Greenfield
- notes omission on August report - blank for no. of clinics held, should be 4
- notes addition to September report, 36 immunization clinics to date
- notes that department was given immunization program award for excellence
- discussed delays in receiving flu vaccine, to date have only received 250 doses, until receipt of additional vaccine will prioritize outreach to elderly, healthcare providers, hospice

John Miller notes his own difficulties and cost incurred by BCHD well-grouting requirements, suggests reevaluation of Berkeley County Health Department well-grouting requirements

Bill Kearns suggests soliciting an opinion from Nathan Douglas re. policy, also suggests opinion from Steve Alenskis, Max Fisher

Environmental report: Jim Barnhart absent but asked Diana Gaviria to make these comments:

- decreased applications for septic permits due to slowing of construction
- all rabies specimens negative
- announced resignation of Barbara Koblinsky
- Jim Barnhart presented at Food Outbreak training in Canaan Valley
- Food school to be held on October 26
- Bill Kearns noted submission of radon grant, closure of Golden China for one month, owner of Golden China were advised that any further necessity for closure will result in permanent closure

Financial report: Bill Kearns

- July-Sept. report reviewed
- Announced approval of program plan
- Announced awards for immunization program and public health awareness open house
- George Karos suggested notifying press of awards

Health Officer report: Diana Gaviria

- noted that Gov. Manchin's office had sent reply to letter expressing concern about possible lack of continued funding for regional epidemiology positions; also reported on trip to Charleston during which a delegation of local health employees met with Del. Michaels, Chris Curtis, and Loretta Haddy.

- George Karos suggested follow-up letter to Governor's letter, to delegates, senators, and Mr. Yoder
- Noted that she attended Children and Nature conference at NCTC, a national conference discussing children's well-being and exposure to nature
- Presented to County Commission re. Pandemic Flu,
- Was invited to serve on City Hospital's Berkeley County Advisory Committee

Motion to accept reports made by George Karos, second by Ruby Foltz, motion carried.

Old business: receipt for laser level sent to Mr. Hertges
Torlone complaint addressed

New Business: Gary Bennett audit proposal was scored highest and selected for two-year audit, (\$10,000 cost for audit)

No public comment

Executive session: George Karos made motion to enter executive session for discussion of personnel, Ruby Foltz second, motion carried. John Miller noted that executive session for purpose of discussion, no decisions will be made.

George Karos moved to go out of executive session, Ruby Foltz second, motion carried. Personnel discussed, no action was taken.

George Karos made motion to adjourn, Ruby Foltz second, meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.