MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON TUESDAY,
February 22, 2011

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman Ponec with the following members present: Gerald Ponec, Lynn Damitz, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Sherman, Robert Grams, Carol Wantuch and Neal White. Absent and excused: Rebecca Owen. Absent: Ald. Mary Schissel

OPENING STATEMENT

The proper opening statement was read.

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Lynn Damitz, seconded by Dr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting.
All voting in favor.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

1. **Common Council Representation**
   There was a request by the BOH to inquire about the availability of a Common Council representative at these meetings.
2. **Annual Report**
   Carol Wantuch is presently working on the report. Dr. Sherman is also writing an article to be added to the annual report.
3. **School Surveillance**
   Reasons for absence are submitted daily by each of the School District of Cudahy schools. Currently 24% of the students have been absent for flu, respiratory problems and fever. Another 13% were absent because of gastrointestinal disorders. When Health Department personnel see a surge in a particular type of illness, the school is contacted and offered information to be used by school personnel or to be sent home to parents.
4. **H1N1**
   6 Cudahy residents have been diagnosed with H1N1 influenza. One 22 year old individual was admitted and subsequently died of complications to this flu. 3 children ages 2 years to 18 years were admitted to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. One adult was admitted to St. Luke's Medical Center and one adult was treated and released from an emergency room. None of these residents had their 2010 flu shot.
5. **Emergency Preparedness**
   The emergency plans for the senior housing units at Evergreen Square and Washington Square are almost completed. Health Department staff has assembled shelter kits for each of the two housing complexes. Supplies for these kits were paid for by a Homeland Security grant.
6. **WIC**
   The WIC Director compiled data on children who attend the Cudahy WIC Project. (See attached graph.) 23% of those children are Cudahy residents with South Milwaukee children at 20.1%.

7. **Concordia University**
   Carol was unexpectedly contacted by an Instructor from the Concordia University Nursing School. This Instructor, who lives in Cudahy, has three nursing students who are very interested in public health. A request was made to have the students follow Health Department staff for a day or two to find out more about public health. Carol is working with Concordia Administration to develop a written agreement to allow this learning experience.
8. **TB Skin Testing**
   TB skin testing is currently being offered to Health Department staff, WIC staff as well as members of the Cudahy Fire and Police Departments.
9. **City of Milwaukee Proposal**
   Carol received an email from another suburban Health Officer regarding Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett's State of the City address. In this address, Mayor Barrett suggested that consolidating municipal health departments should be considered. (See attached.) Carol distributed this email to BOH members and has forwarded it on to Mayor Day. She suggested that if the BOH had opinions on Mayor Barrett's comments, they should share them with Mayor Day.

Moved by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Robert Grams to accept the Health Officer's report.
All voting in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Community Assessment**

   A presentation was given of the 2009 City of Cudahy Community Assessment that was commissioned by Aurora Health Care in partnership with the Health Department.

   The Board of Health was challenged to come up with ideas and suggestions for assuring a Healthy Cudahy for the next 10 years. A number of potential projects were discussed. Chairman Ponec suggested looking at several large projects that could be accomplished long-term and several smaller projects that could be accomplished with a certain level of success.

   The Board was asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting. Projects should hopefully include not only the Health Department but other community partners.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:15 PM.

ADJOURN
Moved by Robert Grams, seconded by Lynn Damitz to adjourn (7:42 PM).
All voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal White, Secretary