

**Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness  
Board of Health Meeting  
April 27, 2015**

Board President, Dr. John Harris, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., at the offices of the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness, 701 Olson Drive, Ste. 101, Papillion, NE 68046.

**Roll Call:**

Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder

**Roll call States as follows:** Ruth Cover – present; Dale Davenport – present; Dr. John Harris – present; Dr. Matt Neumann – present; Jane Nitchals – present; John Sheehan – present; Dr. Jeffry Strohmeyer – present; Jim Thompson – present; John Warsing – absent.

**Staff Present:** Jenny Steventon, Interim Director; Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder;

**Guests Present:** Mona McGee; Shavonna Lausterer

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Per the Open Meetings Act the agenda may not be altered after 24 hours prior to the meeting, unless an emergency arises.**

The agenda was approved by consensus. No roll call taken.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Thompson moved, seconded by Davenport to approve the March 23, 2015, meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Cover – aye; Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Sheehan – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye; Thompson – aye; Warsing – absent.

**Health Director Candidate Interviews:**

The BOH met with Mona Lisa McGee and Shavonna Lausterer. For discussion about the director position, see the Executive Session section.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dr. Strohmeyer moved, seconded by Nitchals to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Cover – aye; Davenport – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Sheehan – aye; Dr. Strohmeyer – aye; Thompson – aye; Warsing – absent.

**Director's Report:**

Per Steventon:

Legislative update: The appropriations committee did not approve the \$2.25 million ask for public health in Nebraska; however the committee has recommended \$200,000 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the bi-annual budget for all public health departments across the state. The budget will be debated on the floor Thursday and Friday.

Steventon continues to work on the accreditation process. She inquired how the BOH would like her to go about getting some of the new policies, either newly written or revised, approved. Per Davenport, the BOH would only need to approve any policies that would directly affect the BOH. Steventon can chance any policies that would deal with the department.

Monica Ulises, R.N, has been training Steventon and Michelle Leahy, R.N., Public Health Nurse on disease investigation.

For the last 2 years, the services provided at the Senior Care clinics have been conducted by Interim Healthcare. The Department liability insurance policy has been changed slightly to cover this service provided by our Department. Steventon approached the BOH about hiring a nurse on a contract basis to assist the coordinator, Leslee Campbell. With Campbell and possible nurse, Interim's services would no longer be needed.

April 6<sup>th</sup> was Public Health Week. The Department launched a media campaign and several employees set up a table at Shadow Lake to pass out information to shoppers.

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Safe Kids Sarpy/Cass hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spring into Safety in Cass County event. The event was held at the Plattsmouth Community Center. The event was very successful.

The Sharing and Caring program is looking to expand. There has been talk about starting a breastfeeding support group.

**Other Business:**

Nothing to report

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Nomination Committee:** This was Jane Nitchals' last meeting. An announcement for a new BOH member will be placed in the local papers. Any recommendations will be brought to the next meeting.

**Policy Committee:** Nothing to report

**Personnel Committee:** Discussed in Executive Session

**Program Committee:** Nothing to report

**Medical Director's Report:** Nothing to report

**Public Input:**

None

**Information:**

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Next Meeting:** June 29, 2015, 5:30 p.m., at the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness, 701 Olson Drive, Ste. 101, Papillion, NE 68046.

**Executive Session:**

Sheehan moved, seconded by Cover to move into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. Roll call states as follows: Cover – aye; Davenport –aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Sheehan – aye; Dr. Strohmyer – aye; Thompson – aye; Warsing – absent.

Sheehan moved, seconded by Nitchals to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Roll call states as follows: Cover – aye; Davenport –aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Sheehan – aye; Dr. Strohmyer – aye; Thompson – aye; Warsing – absent.

The BOH would like to offer the position of the Health Director to Shavonna Lausterer. Roll call states as follows: Cover – aye; Davenport –aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Nitchals – aye; Sheehan – aye; Dr. Strohmyer – aye; Thompson – aye; Warsing – absent.

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Strohmyer moved, seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The Board was in consensus. No roll call was taken.

**ATTEST:**

Dr. John Harris, President  
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

John Sheehan, Secretary  
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health