

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2010-02 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole January 26, 2010, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CST. Lyle Tjosaas opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	Klaus Alberts	District #1
	Lyle Tjosaas	District #2
	David Erickson	District #3
	David Hanson	District #5
Members absent:	Don Gray	District #4
Also present:	Becky Lubahn	Deputy County Clerk
	Peggy Espey	Public Health Director
	Sherry Sonnenberg	Health Educator

Health Educator Sherry Sonnenberg met with the Board to discuss the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP).

Statewide Health  
Improvement  
Program Update

Ms. Sonnenberg shared with the Board information on Dodge County coalition members. Coalition members include the Hayfield Elementary Principal/ community leadership member, the Triton Superintendent, the Triton Health/Physical Education teacher, a Family Services Collaborative representative, a SEMAAA representative, a University of Minnesota Extension employee who works with nutrition, a Kasson Mayo Clinic representative, a Dodge County Trails Association representative, the County Engineer, a chiropractor in Dodge Center, an Ashland Township community member, a Kasson community member, the Kasson-Mantorville Resource Officer, the Dodge County Public Health Director and Health Educator.

The Health Educator provided for the Board's review the following information on SHIP's vision for intervention.

School Intervention:

Implement comprehensive nutrition policies including: breakfast promotion; healthy lunch and snacks, including classroom celebrations and incentives, fundraising, concessions, and vending; school gardens; and Farm-to-School initiatives.

Hayfield & Triton Schools

Worksite Intervention:

Implement a comprehensive employee wellness initiative that provides health assessment with follow-up coaching; ongoing health education, and has policies and environment supports that promote healthy weight and healthy behaviors.

Dodge County, Hayfield School District, Triton School District  
Possibly: Field Crest Care Center, Fairview Care Center

Statewide Health  
Improvement  
Program Update -  
Continued

Health Care Intervention:

Develop relationships among health care providers and community leaders and build partnerships to facilitate active referral of patients to local resources that increases access to high quality nutritious foods, opportunities for physical activity, and tobacco use cessation.

Community Intervention:

Implement policies and practices that create active communities by increasing opportunities for non-motorized transportation and access to community recreation facilities.

Dodge County Trails Association, ice-skating rinks, skate parks, walking school buses, supporting/encouraging active community education programs, and addressing or enforcing city ordinances related to animal control and keeping side-walks cleared in the winter.

Ms. Sonnenberg informed the Board that Public Health has received \$15,000 in grants to assist with implementing this program.

Public Health Director Peggy Espey briefly discussed with the Board tobacco compliance checks.

Tobacco  
Compliance  
Checks Update

Ms. Espey informed the Board that tobacco compliance checks were conducted during the month of December. Of the twelve licensed vendors checked, one vendor sold to minors.

The Public Health Director reported that her office will continue to work with and educate vendors and staff that are licensed to sell tobacco.

Ms. Espey commented that the goal for tobacco license compliance checks continues to be 100% compliance.

The Public Health Director provided the Board with a H1N1 novel influenza update.

H1N1 Novel  
Influenza Update

Ms. Espey stated that Public Health continues to be greatly impacted by the H1N1 duties and responsibilities and noted that her office is still coordinating with their local clinic and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to distribute the vaccine to targeted populations identified by MDH.

The Public Health Director reported that clinics were held during December 2009 and January 2010. To date they have vaccinated 1,557 people. The clinics have been a great strain on the Public Health department personnel resources.

Ms. Espey stated that she is very proud of the staff and the efforts they have all made to get the vaccine out to the community.

The Public Health Director informed the Board that her office will continue to assess the need for further clinics.

Ms. Espey briefly provided the Board with a Public Health Preparedness funding update and a South Country Health Alliance update.

Public Health  
Update

The Board thanked the Public Health Director for the information.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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LYLE TJOSAAS  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK

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