



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Council Session

Item G1

**Approving Minutes of July 9, 2012 Annual Joint Central District
Health Department Meeting**

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF JOINT HEALTH SPECIAL MEETING

July 9, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Joint Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, the Hall County Board of Supervisors, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, the Merrick County Board of Commissioners, and the Central District Health Department was conducted at the Grand Island Public Library, 211 North Washington Street, Grand Island, Nebraska on July 9, 2012. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on July 3, 2012.

Central District Health Department Board President Mike Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Health Board members were present: Dan Purdy (Hall Co.), Mike Bowman (Merrick Co.), Steve Kunzman, Mary Ann Apfel, Chuck Haase (Grand Island City Council), Dr. Richard Fruehling, Roger Wiegert (Merrick Co.), and Tim Bergen (Hamilton Co.). The following Hall County Supervisors were present: Daniel Purdy, Pamela Lancaster, Steve Schuppan, Gary Quandt, Bob McFarland and Hall County Clerk Marla Conley. The following Hamilton County Board of Commissioner was present: Tim Bergen. The following Merrick County Supervisor's were present: Mike Bowman and Roger Wiegert. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Jay Vavricek, Councilmember's Chuck Haase, Bob Niemann, Kirk Ramsey, Linna Dee Donaldson, John Gericke, Peg Gilbert, and City Clerk RaNae Edwards. Health Department employees: Executive Director Teresa Anderson, Assistant Director Ryan King, Jeremy Eschlman, and Jeremy Collinson.

Mike Bowman welcomed the group. Theresa Anderson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the historical perspective of the Health Department.

Jeremy Collinson commented on the Environmental Health which included: water, food inspections, preparedness and response and Vector control which dealt with mosquitos. Mr. Collinson commented on swimmers itch at Morman Island and working with inspections at the Nebraska State Fair. Questions were answered concerning the vendors at the State Fair and throughout the City. Periodic inspections were given throughout the fair and local vendors were inspected every six months.

Jeremy Eschlman commented on WIC, immunization and epidemiology and surveillance. Ryan King commented on the Community Health Assessment. Life style issues were mentioned. Grant funds were used for Healthy Works, which was working with businesses to encourage healthy lifestyles. Explained was what the Health Department was doing to create a healthier lifestyle.

Ms. Anderson explained the CHAMP program.

The following Leading Causes of Death were presented:

1. Cancer

2. Heart Disease
3. Chronic lower respiratory disease
4. Alzheimer Disease
5. Unintentional injuries

In the Central District area, seven out of ten deaths were from chronic disease. Nearly one out of every two adults had at least one chronic illness, many of which were preventable. Today, almost one in every three children in the district was overweight or obese which predisposes them to chronic disease.

Presented were the CDHD Strategic Direction:

- Tobacco free living
- Preventing drug abuse and excessive alcohol use
- Healthy eating
- Active living
- Injury and violence free living
- Reproductive and sexual health
- Mental and emotional well-being

A presentation was given on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB). The Health Department will be working with worksites, schools, child care centers, government, and healthcare organizations to reduce the availability of sugar drinks and encourage healthier options. Discussion was held regarding taxes on SSB's.

Comments were made concerning the success of the smoking ban and the welcoming center here in Grand Island. Mentioned was the partnership between the City and County regarding replacing the parking lot at the Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk