

**Health Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2004**

Meeting called to order by Pete Berg at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Pete Berg, Clinton Fruit, Mark Masters, and Ted Van Epps.

Others Present: June Meudt and Mary Young.

Motion for certification by M. Masters/C. Fruit. Carried.

Motion to approve October minutes and November agenda by C. Fruit/T. Van Epps. Carried.

New Business

Mary R. Young, SRO Director, presented information on what agent status is and how and why counties might decide to become an agent of the state. Agent status means that the county is responsible for the restaurant, motel and swimming pool inspections and works under the state. The county receives the fees and provides 10% back to the state for help in training, providing the actual licenses and so on. The program, when at the county level, improves services, is a better convenience for proprietors, can visit the establishments more often, amount of establishments to the sanitarian is much lower than what is it now and it increases the capability of the county to handle other environmental issues. The inspector for Iowa County, Fred Panke, does a very good job and sees each restaurant at least once per year. However, other sanitarians around the state are not this efficient. J. Meudt mentioned that Fred is easy to work with and very accommodating and has not had any complaints against him. Fred has about 600 establishments and Mary felt that a sanitarian should have about 250-300. A discussion revolved around the fees, which are too low to sustain a program and Mary provided some proof of this around the idea of combining with Lafayette and Grant County somehow to share staff and thus help with funding and personnel issues. The board felt that it is something that Iowa County might want to do in the future. They suggested that J. Meudt keep them posted and present more when the time seems appropriate to start the program.

Old Business

Iowa County did receive 900 doses of vaccine, 400 from Mineral Point Medical Center and 500 from the supplies. The Health Department is having flu clinics next week Monday and Tuesday for the public who fall into the high-risk categories. J. Meudt decided to work with UW Madison and set up a contract to have a SN at the agency next semester. She felt that although it is more responsibility, it is only one day a week and should be a plus for the agency and the staff.

Personnel

J. Meudt will be getting an ad in the paper for a Health Committee community member. Iowa County has hired two LTE RN's, which will be helpful for the flu clinics.

Meetings

Legislative Breakfast tomorrow at Richland County. WALHDAB Business meeting on 11/12/04. All board members are welcome to both meetings.

Motion to accept all vouchers by T. Van Epps/M. Masters. Carried.

Next meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by J. Murn/T. Van Epps. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt