

**SIOUX FALLS BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 AT 11:45**

**PRESENT:** Chris Qualm, David Bear, Dan Statema, Samuel Gayetaye, Kari Benz, Sylvia Thorstensen, Gwendolyn Martin-Fletcher, Kathleen Larson, Tim Roti, Mike Hurley, Bill Schultz, Jim Richardson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Amy Richardson, Alicia Collura, Jill Franken, Patty Van Aartsen

Minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were reviewed as mailed. Sylvia motioned for approval of the minutes. Kathleen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Nominations**

Nominations for the Board of Health were Chris Qualm for Chair and Sylvia Thorstensen for Vice Chair. There were no nominations from the floor. Mike motioned to approve the slate of officers. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Assessment Grant**

The Community Transformation Grant was released this year. The program will support community efforts to reduce chronic disease such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes. By promoting healthy lifestyles these grants will help improve health, reduce health disparities and control health spending. South Dakota received approximately \$800,000 in grant funding. Sioux Falls will receive \$160,000 of this amount. The project is a 5 year project.

Community strengths and areas for improvement and understanding of the status of community health needs will be identified. Improvement areas will be defined in an effort to guide the community toward implementation of policy, systems, and environmental changes around healthy living strategies.

The city Wellness Coordinator will be partnered with to develop a working group of approximately 12 citizens to promote wellness.

**Rabies Update**

Alicia informed the Board that the City Council approved a licensing structure consistent with the Board's resolution. Community education is planned. A press release in November will outline the change. Animal Control will send out letters to all of the area veterinarians and will conduct one on one education while distributing new licenses.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.