

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES
October 11, 2018 AT 12:00 pm**

Present: Dr. Paul Amundson, Teresa Miller, Ross Wheeler, Dr. Bruce Vogt,

Absent: David Meyer, Rose Moehring, Scott Barlett

Staff Present: Jill Franken, Alicia Collura, Sandy Frentz, LuAnn Ford, Lisa Stensland

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Teresa Miller.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from July 12, 2018, supported by Bruce, seconded by Paul. Motion carries.

New Business:

Legionnaires:

There has been an increase in cases of Legionella both across the state and in the city this year. The identification of a cluster of cases in Sioux Falls prompted the State Department of Health to open an investigation. The state DOH is always the lead agency on disease investigation. It is the role of this health department to support the response as requested.

Legionella is a bacteria that can cause pneumonia. It is widely distributed in the environment and can be found in rain water, ponds and puddles. It can also be associated with man-made water systems such as hot tubs, fountains and cooling towers. It is not transmissible person to person but is spread by aerosols (small water droplets that evaporate quickly) - people will breathe in the aerosol droplets. Symptoms include: flu-like symptoms, muscle aches, tiredness, headache, cough, and fever. All ages can be affected but is typically seen in people over the age of 50. Men are more likely than women to contract it, along with smokers and those who are immuno-compromised. Incubations is anywhere from 2-14 days, and is treatable with antibiotics.

The state DOH notified us of an increase in cases on September 18th, and issued a news release regarding the increase in cases on September 20th. They also developed a webpage with links to resources. We provided regular briefings/situational updates to the mayor and city council.

The state DOH requested assistance from the CDC Epi-Aid Team. A seven person team arrived in Sioux Falls on September 23rd. Their goals included: continuing to monitor for additional cases, re-interviewing diagnosed cases, conduct an environmental assessment and increase capacity for response in both the city and state DOH. The CDC also trained hospital laboratorians in sample collection and transportation, clinician awareness training at Avera, Sanford and the VA, as well as laboratory training to increase capacity of water testing at the state public health lab. They also trained our health inspection team, city building inspectors and our facilities team.

Fifty samples from 21 sites were collected, no common source identified to this point. The specimens set to the CDC will require 10-14 days before results will be known.

Ambulance Contract Renewal Update:

The original contract was written as a 5 year contract with a six year extension. The REMSA board voted to extend the contract the full 6 years as their compliance has meet the contract standards. There were all positive

comments from the stakeholders around the city and those comments that were not were positive can be used for future growth. The stakeholders also supported the full 6 year extension. The Council will need to vote on this by the end of the year. The only think that changes is the amount that is received.

FCH Report:

HRSA has released \$120,000 to be added to our base grant for the use of behavioral health and substance abuse. This will help cover and increase in the pharmacist hours and the behavioral health nurse practitioner. They also released \$175,000 one-time funding, this will help create a counseling room at the Terry Redlin school site.

The behavioral health stakeholders met again and the mayor was able to attend and the group is looking for opportunities to support triage.

REMSA Board Report:

Paramedics Plus filed for bankruptcy but this did not affect the Sioux Falls at all. There has been some media coverage. There will be a name change to Patient Care Logistics Inc.

FCH Board Report:

Nothing else at this time.

Executive Director's Report:

We want to thank Scott Bartlett for his service on the Board of Health since 2012. We should have his replacement in place by January's meeting

Public Input:

None at this time.

The next meeting of this Board will be January 10, 2019, unless the need to convene for any policy changes would arise in the interim.

With there being no more new business, a motion to adjourn was supported by Paul and seconded by Bruce, Motion carried.

