

**RICHFIELD ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Date: Monday, September 19, 2016

Present:                    X Nick Kelly, Bloomington Assistant Public Health Director  
                                 X Jennifer Anderson  
                                 X Maria Regan Gonzalez  
                                 X Kris Klos  
                                 X Kara Skahen  
                                 X Taylor Croissant  
                                 X Marco Lanz  
                                 X Erin Rykken, Chair  
                                 X Mayor Goettel

Absent:                    Rose Jost (Excused)  
                                 Kirstin Johnson (Excused)  
                                 Chris Olson (Excused)  
                                 Betsy Osborn

Welcome and                    The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.  
introductions

Presentation from Nick                    Bloomington has now been accredited as a Public Health  
Kelly, Bloomington                    Board. The process took 2 years to complete. Being  
Public Health                    nationally accredited helps Bloomington Public Health  
                                 become more competitive for grants to include Richfield and  
                                 Edina.

A public health emergency imperials the health of the public.  
Health and Human Services has the authority to declare a  
public health emergency.

The Center for Disease Control provides funding for Public  
Health Emergency Preparedness. Funds have gone down  
throughout the nation, including in Bloomington, Edina and  
Richfield. Bloomington Public Health works closely with  
Richfield to plan for Public Health emergencies. Bloomington

staff meets monthly with Richfield staff and with Richfield Emergency Management.

Moving forward, more work will be focused on a social vulnerability index. Social vulnerability includes communities who may need additional support in emergencies due to lower socio-economic status.

Priorities for the next budget year will be: logistics for mass dispensing, updating plans/procedures, improving HAN (Health Alert Network) capabilities, strengthening community relationships and improving resiliency, and new closed POD (points of distribution) with community partners.

Mayor Goettel

Hennepin County Medical Clinic will have an open house on Friday at 5-7:30pm. Ribbon cutting will be at 5:30 p.m. She encouraged folks to attend and learn about services and as well as to meet the staff. Advisory Board of Health members are encouraged to attend.

Advisory Board of Health members are also encouraged to attend the Citizen Academy for Hennepin County.

Smoke-Free Housing Awards

Mayor Goettel included information on a Section 8 Housing checklist for safety/health.

Kara will write a plan for review regarding smoke free housing that will be discussed with members at the next meeting.

Public Health Accreditation

We are one of 135 accredited health departments in the country and one of 8 accredited in the State of Minnesota.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next Richfield Advisory Board of Health meeting is Monday, October 17th. RABH members are encouraged to attend the October 11th City Council meeting when Bonnie Paulson will be presenting to the City Council on the subject of accreditation.

