

MINUTES
RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
December 12, 2012

A special meeting of the Richland County Health and Human Services Board was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on December 12, 2012 by Bob Holets in the Main Conference Room of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin to attend a presentation being offered by Richland FIT.

Members Present: Dr. Louis Williams, Marilyn Rinehart, Paul Kinney, Bob Holets, and Ray Schmitz.

Members Absent: Bob Bellman, Fred Clary, Larry Jewell, and Virginia Wiedenfeld.

Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Marilyn Rinehart, seconded by Paul Kinney to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Dana Churchill, HHS Health Educator, led the group in introductions and thanked all for attending.

Presentation and Discussion of Community Strategic Plan for Obesity Prevention: Dana Churchill and members of the Richland FIT Core Strategic Planning Committee offered a presentation on the Community Strategic Plan for Obesity Prevention and distributed copies of the strategic plan.

Various comments were made by attendees, including the need to influence the choices made by citizens who frequent the local food pantry and the need to keep healthy vending machine choices fresh. It was reported that the Richland Middle School was recently awarded a Safe Routes to Schools Grant and also a Gardening Grant. It was noted that the Gardening Grant will enable the Richland Middle School to develop gardening plots to plant, maintain, and harvest fresh fruits and vegetables for the school, as well as the local food pantry. Discussion was held regarding the need for a counting calories class to be offered to our youth.

Dana Churchill reported that a county resource guide for physical activity has been created and 1,500 copies will be printed and distributed in the near future. This guide will also be available online at www.richlandfit.com and links to that website will be available on other relevant websites.

Dana Churchill stated that Health and Human Services is waiting to receive notification regarding a three year Wisconsin Partnership Program Implementation grant, which if awarded, would offer \$300,000 for three years starting in April 2013.

Adjourn: Motion by Dr. Louis Williams, seconded by Ray Schmitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Rizner
Office Supervisor