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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

10:00 AM

Large Conference Room – Polk County Health Department

AGENDA

- Welcome/Call to order
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2010 meeting
- Monthly Bills Review
(Finance Committee: Kris Kremer-Hartung, Warren Nelson, Janice Nelson)
- Monthly Statistical/Financial Reports for the Department
- Out of County Meetings Report
- Old Business
 - 1) DPH Response to Preparedness Consortium Letter – Sampson/Jay Shrader
 - 2) Delay of Implementation of Medicare Regulation- Hodgson
 - 3) Revised 2011 Immunization Budget – Sampson
 - 4) Reproductive Health Program Update – Debbie Leschisin
- New Business
 - 1) Department Head Evaluation – Administrator Dana Frey
Closed session under Wis. Stat. Sec 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility
 - 2) Governor's appointment of Health Officer to Public Health Council - Sampson
- Director's Report
 - 1) Public Health Legislative Updates –Sampson
 - 2) Public Health Research – Sampson
 - 3) Agency Updates – Sampson
- Board member Comments/Observances
- Adjourn

Enc: BOH minutes December, 2010; Director's goals 2010

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BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:10 AM on January 11, 2011

Present: Dr. Arne Lagus Rick Scoglio Patricia Schmidt
Kristine Kremer-Hartung Warren Nelson Harry Johansen
Wanda Johnson

Also: Gretchen Sampson Julie Houman Caralynn Hodgson
Bonnie Leonard Dana Frey

Speaker: Debbie Leschisin, Reproductive Health

Chairperson Schmidt called the meeting to order.

Motion by Johansen/Hartung to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson/Hartung to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2010 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Bill Review

Sampson reviewed the list of bills and answered any questions.

Motion by Johnson/Johansen to approve the bills in the amount of \$37,395.21. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Reports

Sampson handed out the monthly statistical reports for review.

Motion by Scoglio/Hartung to approve the financial reports. All in favor. Motion carried.

Out of County Meetings

Sampson reviewed the list of out of county meetings and trainings for January and February.

Motion by Dr. Lagus/Hartung to approve the out of county travel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

1) Preparedness Consortia

Sampson handed out a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, in response to the letter sent to Secretary Karen Timberlake regarding their decision to phase out the preparedness consortia. The consortium has a conference call this week with member agencies to determine funding and financial support from August through the end of 2011.

2) Medicare Regulations

Hodgson reported that the Medicare regulations relevant to required patient face to face visits with their doctors for the reason they are on home care have been delayed for implementation until April 1 with no penalty to home care providers.

3) 2011 Immunization Budget

The Immunization budget was reduced from \$70,620 to \$48,713 due to the changing dynamics around the influenza vaccination program, i.e. focusing the influenza program on children and staff in Polk's schools and cutting down on community clinics. Due to Pharmacies, Wal-Mart and other providers giving flu shots, PCHD community clinics have experienced much less volume, while school clinic services have increased dramatically. School clinics will still be done, as well as walk-in clinics, low income clients, and Home Care patients.

4) Reproductive Health Program Update

Debbie Leschisin, Family Planning Nurse Practitioner, explained a day in the life of the Reproductive Health program, usual activities include birth control refills, physical examinations, sexually transmitted disease testing and counseling, contacting clients with abnormal pap exams, as well as counseling teens and leading them to additional help for other issues such as depression and mental health issues. Debbie also gave some statistics showing the cost savings of having a Reproductive Health program. In 2008, according to Guttmacher Institute, savings to taxpayers were \$3.74 for every \$1 spent providing contraceptive care. Annual family planning costs per year per client were \$183 while one Medicaid birth cost \$11,874.

Pat Schmidt commented on a program headed by Jeff Fuge and the Child Support Office regarding financial impacts of teen parenting as something Debbie could also refer her clients to.

Directors Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates –There is a Legislative Meeting on Monday February 7 from 9-11am at the St. Croix County DHHS in New Richmond. Sampson will email the board with agenda information once she receives it.

2) Public Health Research – Fluoride is in the news with recent studies indicating drinking water levels should be lowered due to presence of fluoride in other products. Sampson will research further and bring print information on this topic to the board next month.

3) Agency Updates –Sampson passed around the “Badger Care Plus Hero” award. Polk County received this award on behalf of Governor Jim Doyle, to recognize the Health Department's efforts in increasing the number of Wisconsin children and families who have health coverage through Badger Care Plus programs.

Sampson passed around a "Thank You" card from Kevin Klinkhammer of Ken Vance Car City for being selected as the bidder for the leased vehicles.

The Chronic Care Plus Clinic is scheduled to start on February 1, with St. Croix Falls, Amery and Osceola medical centers, ABC for Health and the Salvation Army the partners in the project. The health department will serve as a central intake center for clients who have no health care coverage but have a chronic illness needing medical supervision.

Gretchen Sampson has been appointed to the Public Health Council by Governor Jim Doyle.

New Business

1) Department Head Evaluation

Sampson reviewed the goals that were set for 2010.

Goal 1: Meeting goals of the strategic plan. Sampson felt that the department has exceeded the expectations of the strategic plan with the Leaders Group, and subcommittees actively working on implementation. All staff meetings have been held to engage the department staff. The strategic plan continues to guide the direction of the department and is regularly updated.

Goal 2: Assure implementation of community health improvement plan. Sampson feels the department has met its expectations by contracting with Mike Rust of ABC Health, and collaborating with 3 community coalitions to implement objectives around the top 4 health focus areas. Improvements for 2011 could be to promote the plan more widely and educate the community and other stakeholders.

Goal 3: Conduct assessment of need for agency reorganization. Sampson feels that expectations have been met through quality improvement processes to look at agency reorganization. She feels there is an issue with too few managers in the department and would like to explore program managers being utilized more as quasi management staff relevant to supervision responsibilities. This has union implications.

Motion by Scoglio/Johansen to go to closed session. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 11:50 am.

The board members along with Dana Frey discussed the Department Head Evaluation in closed session:

Non-recorded Motion to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Non-recorded Motion to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

**The next Board of Health meeting will be February 08, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.
Finance Committee: Karen Krupa, Warren Johnson and Viola Karr.**