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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

10:00 AM

Conference Room A/B – Polk County Health Department

AGENDA

- Welcome/Call to order
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2012 meeting
- Recognition of Outgoing Board Members - All
- Agency 1st Quarter Statistical and Financial Reports – Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Home Care Evaluation Study Discussion/Update – All
- New Business
 - 1) Bids for Lease Vehicle – Sampson
 - 2) Budget Issues/Policy Challenges for 2013 – Sampson
 - 3) Agency 2011 annual report (draft) - 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 March 13, 2012

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:05 AM on April 10, 2012

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

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

Chairperson Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

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

Public Comment: none

Motion by Johnson/Nelson to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2012 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Bill Review

Sampson reviewed the list of bill payments for the month of March.

Outgoing Board Members

Sampson presented recognition plaques to Wanda Johnson and Rick Scoglio as a special thank you for their many years of service as citizen members on the Board of Health. Dr. Arne Lagus has agreed to continue serving as a physician member. Sampson extended thanks to all board members for their 2-year term of service on the Board of Health.

Monthly Statistical Reports

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial reports for 1st quarter 2012.

Old Business

1) Home Care Evaluation Study Discussion Update

Last month Sampson distributed an evaluation drafted by the Health Department for members to review. Some of the concerns expressed by board members today were:

- Dr. Lagus stated that Medical clinics are concerned with who will take care of these patients if Polk County Home Care closes? Medical Centers are having difficulty finding enough nursing home beds now to place patients; nursing homes wouldn't have the capacity to take on these extra patients.
- Luck Nursing Home recently reduced their number of beds.
- Residents are already struggling with finding home care services in certain parts of the county.
- Hodgson reported that referral sources indicate that Burnett County residents struggle with finding home care services since their county home care program

closed. Polk County still gets inquiry calls from providers wanting to know if we will take patients living in border counties.

- Assisted living can cost \$3,000-\$5,000 per month.
- Nursing Home care can cost \$6,000-\$7,000 per month.
- Only private pay or long-term care insurance covers nursing home and assisted living costs until a patient no longer has any assets, then Medical Assistance kicks in. It is much more cost effective to have a person on Home Care than in a nursing home on medical assistance.
- Frey reported that he knows of 10 counties statewide that currently provide home care and some do not subsidize tax dollars for Home Care. He will be getting more information.
- Dunn County's Home Care program does not use tax dollars although they only provide skilled nursing care and do not perform personal care services which Polk County currently provides.

Next Step: Administrator Frey is still doing his own research and data collection and will have an update in the next month or two.

Last month Dr. Lagus inquired whether Hospice care was a possibility for Polk County. Sampson distributed some Hospice information. Hospice care serves people who are terminally ill. Hospice care regulations require a team of nurses, counselors, social workers, other professionals and a physician. There is 1 home care agency that currently provides hospice care for all of Polk County. There is a definite need for Hospice care. No cost analysis has been done yet.

New Business

1) Bids for Lease Vehicle

Four bids were submitted for the mid-size sedan RFP.

Cox Motors, New Richmond – 2012 Ford Fusion - \$337.80/month

Ken Vance Motors, Eau Claire – 2012 Honda Accord - \$405.00/month

Kari Toyota, Superior – 2012 Toyota Camry - \$426.17/month

Neuville Motors, Waupaca – 2012 Impala - \$510.00/month

Administrator Frey stated that the bid will be chosen by Dept of Administration.

2) Budget Issues and Policy Changes for 2013

Sampson distributed a committee calendar based on Policy 10 outlining duties and responsibilities of governing committees and expectations of department heads.

Strategic Issues the Health Department is considering for 2013 budget planning

Caseload declines in WIC, Reproductive Health and PNCC: program evaluation

Potential funding declines/elimination of Lead and Radon: staffing ramifications

Should the department take on the DNR well water program in Washburn County

Should the department take on Agent for Ag program in Polk County

Decision on Home Care program continuation

Succession planning in Public Health nursing section

3) Agency 2011 Annual Report

Sampson distributed copies of the draft 2011 PCHD annual report for review.

Director's Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

The next Legislative meeting is Monday April 16, 2012 in New Richmond at 9:00 am at the St Croix County DHHS Board Room. Sampson will forward the agenda to Board members when she receives it. She is unable to attend this meeting.

2) Public Health Research:

Sampson distributed a survey from NACCHO regarding Local Health Department job losses and program cuts. During 2011, 57 percent of all LHDs reduced or eliminated at least one program. More than half of all LHDs reported some type of reduced workforce capacity between July and December 2011. Nearly 40,000 jobs have been lost since 2008. 41 percent of LHDs expect more cuts to come in the next fiscal year.

3) Agency Update

Sampson received a notice from the Department of Agriculture that they will be spraying for Gypsy Moths in the Milltown area in the upcoming months.

The Public Health Nutritionist position is currently on hold.

The Health Department and 3 local hospitals collaborated to apply for a WALHDAB mini-grant of \$5,000 to work on Community Health Improvement Planning.

Motion by Johansen/Nelson to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next Board of Health meeting will be May 8th, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.