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## **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2012**

**10:00 AM**

**Conference Room A/B – Polk County Health Department**

### **AGENDA**

- Call to order – Chairman Brian Masters
- Approval of Agenda - All
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2012 meeting - All
- Department Statistical Reports – Information only - Sampson
- Old Business
  - 1) Review of Health Dept. Home Care Study materials – Sampson  
(Report distributed to previous BOH in March)
  - 2) Update on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) - Sampson
- New Business
  - 1) Environmental Health Programs – Brian Hobbs
  - 2) Strategic Planning for the Health Department – Sampson/Board members
- 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 May 8, 2012  
Home Care Study – 2012 (mailed to new BOH members)

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:00 AM on June 12, 2012

Present: Patricia Schmidt Tom Magnafici Brian Masters  
Rick Scoglio Dr. Arne Lagus Leslie Larsen  
Kim Gearin

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

Speakers: Brian Hobbs, Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian  
Patty Lombardo, Environmental Health Technician

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Motion by Schmidt/Larsen to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Public Comment:**

Welcome summer Intern Nora O'Reily.

**Motion by Schmidt/Larsen to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Monthly Statistical Reports**

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial reports for May. Home Care is facing a possible loss for 2012. Some of the steps being taken to offset these costs include: reducing FTE's and utilizing county cars to reduce mileage reimbursements, and elimination of staff mileage and time reimbursement from home to the first visit/office and from the last visit/office to home. Sampson is meeting with Frey to further discuss budget alternatives.

### **Old Business**

#### **1) Review of Health Department Home Care Study**

Administrator Frey expects to have more information on the Home Care study at the July 2012 BOH meeting. He will address revenue sources, how much the Home Care program costs and why, comparison to other counties and problems encountered by other counties that discontinued service.

Sampson reviewed the study developed by the Health Department. Some options could include: Only providing Skilled Nursing and eliminating Personal Care and Med set-up. Personal Care is not reimbursed under Medicare; it is reimbursed by Medicaid but is a very low amount that doesn't cover the costs. Non-Medicaid patients pay for services via the program's sliding fee scale. Personal Care and Med Set-Up are services that are needed in Polk, but not as accessible as skilled nursing.

## **2) Update on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**

Sampson reviewed the top 4 indicators of the CHIP plan: Physical Activity, Nutrition, Tobacco and Mental Health and indicated the progress of goals for each. Some top factors include an increase in physical activity for students age 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade of 39.40% to 55.6%, while kids age 2-4 in the WIC program that are overweight increased from 13.3% to 18.80%. Tobacco sales to minors decreased from 13.5% to 1.7%. Board members expressed concern about the obesity indicators and Sampson emphasized the importance of county wide collaborative programming around obesity prevention.

### **New Business**

#### **1) Environmental Health Programs**

Brian Hobbs, Polk County Environmental Sanitarian gave a presentation on Health Department services provided: Inspections and Licensing, Radon Information and Testing, Indoor/Outdoor Air Quality, Water Quality, Vector Control and Human Health Hazard and Hazardous Waste.

- Polk County's fee structure for licensing is at the state minimum. The Health Department also provides Serv-Safe certified training for food management, offered twice per year in January and July.
- Polk County is the Radon Information Center for Polk, Douglas, Burnett and Washburn County. Radon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of Lung Cancer. 1/3 of tests indicate high amounts of radon.
- The Health Department contracts as an agent for the DNR to test transient Wells (establishments that serve water to the public) in Polk and Burnett Counties
- The Environmental Health program, as of 2012, is self-sufficient and has been removed from the levy; however Brian explained that the human health hazard portion of his job is a mandated service under state statutes that should require county tax levy support.
- Food Safety training is offered for free and recent trainings were held in Clear Lake and Luck.

#### **2) Strategic Planning for the Health Department**

The Board discussed their views to include in the department's strategic planning process SWOT Analysis.

External Opportunities: Marketing and highlighting areas of need to make sure public is aware of all services. Technology and making paperwork more efficient, different uses of HomMed monitors, Accreditation, local partnerships to deal with obesity, Home Care partnerships with medical centers to reduce re-hospitalization, cost analysis for expanding services.

External Threats: state and local budget cuts, population and workforce getting older, declining property values, obesity, potential abuse of public programs, and silo funding.

### **Director's Report**

#### **1) Public Health Legislative Updates:**

Sampson distributed the NALBOH News Brief for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2012. She mentioned the potential cuts to some public health programs including lead poisoning prevention, radon and maternal child health.

### **2) Public Health Research:**

Sampson distributed an article by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health regarding Haemophilus Influenzae. Haemophilus influenzae serotype b (Hib) is the most pathogenic strain. Before the Hib vaccine was available, it was the leading cause of meningitis and sepsis. Since the vaccine was developed it has led to greater than 95% decline in incidence of invasive Hib disease. There was discussion on tick-borne and arboviral illness in Wisconsin.

### **3) Agency Update**

Sampson reported that Kristine Siltberg, a Home Care RN has resigned as of June 1; the position is being advertised in the local paper as a limited, part-time position.

The Annual WALHDAB Board of Health Educational Event will be held August 1, 2012 in Eau Claire. Larsen stated she plans on attending.

**Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.**

**The next Board of Health meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.**