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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, July 10, 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 June 12, 2012 meeting - All
- Department Quarterly Statistical Reports –Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Home Care Study – Dana Frey
 - 2) Update on Public Health Accreditation Status – Sampson/Kaczmarek
- New Business
 - 1) Presentation of 2013 Preliminary Department Budget – Sampson/Frey
 - 2) Passage of Health Care Reform Law – Public Health Implications - 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 June 12, 2012

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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

Absent: Tom Magnafici

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

Speakers: Brian Kaczmarski, Director of Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium

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:

None.

Motion by Schmidt/Gearin to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2012 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Reports

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial reports for June. Some key points are: the number of WIC participants is down for 2012; one reason may be because the Food Share program has fewer requirements. Home Care visits are up while support staff has decreased from 3.4 FTE's to 1.25. Home Care cost-per-visit has decreased from \$130.95 per visit to \$102.78 per visit.

Old Business

1) Home Care Study

Administrator Frey projects that Home Care will face a loss for 2012; the data shows that 2012 looks similar to 2011, with a projected loss of \$80,000 to \$120,000. Frey suggests 3 options:

- Make cuts elsewhere to supplement the Home Care program
- Cut Home Care expenses, including salaries and benefits
- Reduce services or phase out the program

Frey will provide more information at next months meeting regarding these options.

Dr. Lagus suggested the option of eliminating personal care work, keeping skilled nursing and med management. Sampson agreed that eliminating personal care would save money. Increasing the fee schedule was also discussed.

Private home care agencies are not obligated to take a client and for this reason Polk County has a lot of patients private companies do not accept.

2) Update on Public Health Accreditation Status

Brian Kaczmarek announced that on June 29 Polk County formally submitted its application for national voluntary accreditation. Four hundred eleven documents were uploaded as evidence to meet the standards and measures for accreditation. Polk County is the 3rd city/county in the State of Wisconsin to submit, following West Allis and Wood County. At least 38 health departments in the country have applied for accreditation.

The next step is for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) to send site visitors to Polk County for follow up on the evidence submitted. Most likely the site visitors will want to talk to board members. Accreditation will hopefully give us a better chance for grant funding and also ensures we are providing high quality public health services.

A special thanks to Brian Kaczmarek, Mary Boe and Cortney Draxler for their many hours in preparing for accreditation submission.

New Business

1) Presentation of 2013 Preliminary Department Budget

Sampson presented the 2013 budgets detailing major changes in the levy budgets. Levy budgets presented had zero percent increase but did not reflect new health insurance premiums, WRS changes or wage increases. The Public Health budget for 2013 has a decrease in levy funds of (\$18,730) however this is due to shifting a support staff to the Birth to 3 budget to prove the county's Maintenance of Effort (MOE) required by that program. There was discussion on the existing school nursing contracts. Currently the health department provides 12 hours per month of nursing service to the 8 schools in the county free of charge; subsequent nursing hours are charged at \$42/hour after the 12 free hours.

Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to eliminate the free 12 hours per month for the 2013-2014 budget year, rate to be determined. All in favor. Motion carried

Home Care for the 2013 budget has adjusted its fee schedule by altering the fee schedule for private pay personal care patients. Four car leases will be expiring in 2013 Sampson has budgeted to keep or replace these 4 fleet cars as a capital improvement to the 2013 budget.

2) Passage of Health Care Reform Law

Sampson furnished an article by NACCHO regarding the "Implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act". NACCHO has identified key roles local health departments can and should play to achieve successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). LHD leaders should be active participants in educating community and state stakeholders about the ACA and engaging partners in new opportunities to improve health. LHDs may serve as facilitators of enrollment for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program and health insurance exchanges and may pursue a greater role in case management of complex clinical patients. The

implementation of the law and changes to the health care system may also present challenges that will require LHDs to be flexible and examine services with attention to particular needs of their population.

Sampson also provided an article published by HealthCare.gov “How the Health Care Law is Making a Difference for the People of Wisconsin”. Health reform is already making a difference for people in Wisconsin by providing new coverage options for young adults, making prescription drugs affordable for seniors, covering preventive services with no deductible or co-pay, providing better value for the consumer’s premium dollar through 80/20 rule, scrutinizing unreasonable premium increases, removing lifetime limits on health benefits, creating new coverage options for individuals with pre-existing conditions, preventing illness and promoting health and increasing support for community health centers.

Director’s Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

The next Legislative Event meeting is scheduled for Monday July 16, 2012 from 9:00am to 11:00am at the St. Croix County DHHS Board Room in New Richmond, WI. Larsen is planning to attend to represent the BOH.

2) Public Health Research:

Sampson distributed an article by the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) regarding helmet use among motorcyclists who died in crashes and economic cost savings associated with state motorcycle helmet laws. Research has shown that when a state repeals its helmet law or opts for less restrictive requirements, helmet use decreases and motorcycle-related deaths, injuries, and costs increase. In 2000, for example, Florida changed its universal helmet law to a partial helmet law that covered only riders aged <21 years and those with <\$10,000 in medical insurance coverage. During the 2 years after the law was changed, the motorcyclist death rate per 10,000 registered motorcycles in Florida increased by 21%, deaths among motorcycle riders aged <21 years nearly tripled, and hospital admissions of motorcyclists with injuries to the head, brain, and skull increased by 82%. In addition, gross costs charged to hospital-admitted motorcyclists with head, brain, or skull injuries in Florida more than doubled, from \$21 million to \$50 million. Wisconsin has a partial helmet law.

3) Agency Update

Sampson reported the Health Department has hired Melanie Mertes as the new Public Health Nutritionist. The Community Transformation Grant has been submitted with notification expected next week.

The State seeks input on 2012-2020 Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity plan, to read the draft plan and provide comments, visit:

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aboutdhs/public-comment/index.htm>

The Annual WALHDAB Board of Health Educational Event will be held August 1, 2012 in Eau Claire. Sampson will forward registration materials to all BOH members.

Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

The next Board of Health meeting will be August 14th, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.