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## **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 14, 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 July 10, 2012 meeting - All
- Department Statistical Reports (for review only) –Sampson
- Old Business
  - 1) Home Care Study – Dana Frey
  - 2) Update on Public Health Accreditation Application – Sampson
  - 3) Status of 2013 Department Budget – Sampson
  - 4) Community Transformation Grant Award – Impact Area Tobacco – Sampson
  - 5) Update on statewide Pertussis Outbreak - Leonard
  - 6) Update on 317 Vaccine Issue - Leonard
- New Business
  - 1) Report from Legislative Event – Sampson/Larsen
  - 2) Report from BOH Training – Sampson/Larsen
- Director's Report
  - 1) Public Health Legislative Updates – Sampson
  - 2) Public Health Research – Sampson
  - 3) Agency Updates – Sampson
- Board member Comments/Observances
- Adjourn

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:00 AM on August 14, 2012

Present:	Patricia Schmidt	Leslie Larsen	Brian Masters
	Rick Scoglio	Dr. Arne Lagus	
Absent:	Tom Magnafici	Kim Gearin	
Also:	Gretchen Sampson	Julie Houman	Caralynn Hodgson
	Bonnie Leonard		

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

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

### **Public Comment:**

None.

**Motion by Scoglio/Masters to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Monthly Statistical Reports**

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial reports for July 2012.

### **Old Business**

#### **1) Home Care Study**

Administrator Frey handed out a budget projection for Home Care for the remainder of 2012. The budget projection looks much more promising than earlier projections. With staff reductions expenses have been reduced \$100,000 and revenues are slightly up. The Board would like to commend the Home Care staff for getting costs down and keeping the budget on track, great job!

#### **2) Update on Public Health Accreditation**

The Public Health Accreditation Board has asked the Health Department to clarify 35 documents of the 411 uploaded as evidence to meet the standards and measures for accreditation. A site visit has not been scheduled yet.

#### **3) 2013 Budget**

New Developments to the 2013 budget:

- Wisconsin Retirement contribution increase 6.4% (up from 5.9%)
- Health insurance premiums increase 4.6%
- Medicaid overmatch for Family Health Benefits Counselor +\$19,000
- Birth-to-Three position changed from full-time to 2 part-time positions
- Level lead poisoning in 2013 instead of program elimination
- Updated Reproductive Health fee schedule

All Polk County school administrators have been notified of the decision to charge for all school nursing time in the 2013-2014 school year.

Labor Day has been set as the target goal for final budgets.

#### **4) Community Transformation Grant Award**

Polk County was awarded a \$160,000 impact grant to expand smoke free environments to include apartment buildings. This grant is from the Transform Wisconsin Fund to improve the health of Wisconsin communities.

#### **5) Update on statewide Pertussis Outbreak and other Communicable Disease issues**

Leonard reported that Polk County has 3 reported cases of pertussis/whooping cough. The outbreak can affect people who have been vaccinated, but it has been recommended that adolescences age 11 and up should get a DTAP booster. The increase in cases has been linked to decreased effectiveness of the acellular vaccine versus the previously whole cell vaccine which had many serious side effects.

Leonard stated that West Nile virus disease cases are up nationwide. Thus far in 2012, 42 states have reported West Nile virus infections in people, birds or mosquitoes. There is a nationwide total of 241 cases, including four deaths. There have been no reported cases in Wisconsin. The best way to prevent West Nile virus disease is to avoid mosquito bites: use insect repellent, wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk. Other preventive measures are to install screens on windows and doors, empty standing water from items outside homes such as flowerpots, buckets, and kiddie pools.

Leonard talked about the Influenza A (H3N2v) virus which is a new variant of the swine flu being seen in pigs and humans. Most commonly, human infections with variant viruses occur in people with exposure to infected pigs (e.g. children near pigs at a fair or workers in the swine industry). Swine influenza has not been shown to be transmissible to people through eating properly handled pork. Polk has no swine flu cases at this time.

#### **6) Update on 317 Vaccine Issue**

Leonard reported that the 317 vaccine comes from a fund via the federal government to vaccinate adults and children who don't have insurance or individuals that have high deductibles, co-pays or partial coverage and cannot afford vaccines. Access to childhood vaccines for families with the above situations is a major concern if this fund goes away. The Health Department will be able to conduct school flu clinics using flu vaccine from this fund in 2012, but after October 1, will not be allowed to use other childhood vaccines from this fund for the populations described above.

### **New Business**

#### **1) Report from Legislative Event**

Sampson and Larsen attended the legislative event on July 16, 2012 and reported on issues discussed.

## **2) Report from Board of Health Training**

Sampson and Larsen attended the Annual WALHDAB Board of Health Educational Event on August 1, 2012 in Eau Claire and shared some hot topics that were discussed such as, STD prevention, suicide prevention, chronic disease, obesity and Frac sand mining.

## **Director's Report**

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

The next meeting will be held on October 15, 2012 from 9:00am to 11:00am at the St. Croix County DHHS Board Room in New Richmond, WI.

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

Sampson distributed an article from MMWR Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report on the consumption of cigarettes and combustible tobacco. From 2000 to 2011, consumption of cigarettes decreased 32.8% while the consumption of loose tobacco and cigars increased 123.1% over the same period. Sampson stated there is still on need to work on tobacco prevention including tax equity for other tobacco products.

Sampson distributed an article highlighted in the August, 2012 issue of "Governing –the States and Localities" which was titled, "Pummeling Public Health". This article addressed increasing problems local health departments are having responding to communicable disease outbreaks such as the nationwide Pertussis outbreak due to continued funding cuts at the local level. Sampson stressed the importance of maintaining adequate infrastructure in Polk's Health Department to assure capacity to manage communicable disease surveillance and control activities.

### **3) Agency Updates**

Sampson reported that they have hired a casual Home Care Nurse to fill in for vacations and busy times. Her name is Sara Olson.

Sampson attended a two day public health law conference in St. Paul regarding free legal and technical assistant provided to health departments.

Bonnie Leonard reported that Sampson is receiving a national award from the American Public Health Association at their annual meeting in October. Information about the award nomination and award was distributed. The Board congratulated Sampson and will provide information about the award to the county board after the APHA award presentation.

**Motion by Masters/Schmidt to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 pm.**

**The next Board of Health meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.**