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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, November 13, 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 September 11, 2012 meeting - All
- Department Statistical Reports –Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Consideration/ Recommendation on 2013 Department Budget– All
 - 2) Update on Public Health Accreditation Application – Sampson
 - 3) Communicable Disease Update – Bonnie Leonard
- New Business
 - 1) Report on Hudson Legislative Candidate Forum – Sampson
 - 2) Tobacco Prevention and CTG Program Report and Discussion – Mary Boe
 - 2) State Review/Site Visit for Agent Program – Sampson
 - 4) Update on Community Health Improvement Activities - 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 September 11, 2012

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:00 AM on November 13, 2012

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

Also: Gretchen Sampson Julie Houman Caralynn Hodgson
 Dana Frey Mary Boe

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Sampson requested the budget discussion to be moved to the first agenda item.

Motion by Larsen/Lagus to approve the reordered agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Schmidt/Masters to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

1) Recommendation on 2013 Department Budget

Sampson requested a technical amendment be made to the Birth to Three budget because of difficulty in recruiting a full-time therapist. This amendment eliminates funding for a therapy provider as a county employee and instead increases hours of a part-time employee and shifts the balance to professional services. It is levy and budget neutral. Kris Siltberg, a casual nurse for home care has accepted the hours for this position.

Sampson provided a grant schedule detailing grants the health department expects to receive. All new grants need to be reviewed and approved by Administrator Frey. Frey also provided a summary of the budget resolution changes.

Motion by Schmidt/Gearin to approve Technical Amendment No.1 to proposed budget for 2013. All if favor. Motion carried.

The board suggested in the future we have a meeting dedicated solely to reviewing the budget.

Administrator Frey explained that we are converting the fleet system to be managed by the buildings department.

Motion by Larsen/Schmidt to approve the proposed Public Health budget for 2013. All if favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Reports

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial reports for September and October 2012.

With WIC numbers being down, it is expected the state will take back around \$5,000 of WIC funds.

Immunization rates for 2-year olds continue to be low in Polk County. It is unclear whether there is a lag in data entering into the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) time or if parents are not vaccinating their children in a timely fashion.

There is nothing new to report on the Home Care study. Administrator Frey says he will continue his study after budgets are complete.

2) Update on Public Health Accreditation

We have been assigned a site review team. They are currently completing an evidence review, and then we anticipate the site visit to be in early 2013. There will be more training and review to come for board members on PHAB.

New Business

1) Hudson Legislative Candidate Forum

Five Local Health Departments and the MJC Tobacco Coalition hosted a candidate forum on October 15th in Hudson. The forum was an opportunity for public health professionals and organizations to ask health related questions of the candidates. Some of the topics covered were; taxing all tobaccos products equally, silica sand-mining, a beer tax increase and the health workforce being stretched beyond its capacity.

2) Tobacco Prevention and CTG Program Report

Mary Boe spoke about the Wisconsin tobacco control and prevention program. Mary is the Program Coordinator for Western Wisconsin Working for Tobacco-Free Living (W3TFL) which is a Multi-Jurisdiction Coalition (MJC) that includes five counties; Burnett, Pierce, Polk, Rusk and St. Croix.

Polk County received a Community Transformation Grant to promote and encourage tobacco free living in multi-unit housing. W3TFL is helping to expand smoke free environments to include apartment buildings.

Youth smokeless tobacco use is on the rise in Wisconsin. The cost of a regular pack of cigarettes is around \$8, the cost of other tobacco products (OTP's) is \$2.50-\$3.50.

Here are a few facts about other tobacco products (OTP's):

- Smokeless tobacco advertising and promotion spending has nearly tripled from 1996 to 2006.
- Candy flavors and bright colors make smokeless products more appealing to youth.

- Flavors include chocolate, vanilla, mint, berry, peach, mango, among others.
- New products are packaged in containers that look like candy or mints.

Sampson provided a sample resolution that the County of La Crosse has adopted to support tax equity on other tobacco products. The Board suggested Sampson draft a similar resolution for tax equity on other tobacco products for Polk County and bring to the next BOH meeting.

As part of the CTG grant, a direct mailer has been sent to 14,000 Polk County residents regarding the health of Polk County. They have received over 150 responses. Board members can participate in the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BL3XGZV>.

3) State Review / Site Visit for Agent Program

The original site visit to review the Agent program in Polk County was completed in January of 2012 with a follow-up visit by State representatives on November 9th. Sampson reported they still do not have a final report yet as many elements of the original report were modified during the recent visit.

4) Update on Community Health Improvement Activities

Sampson reported that all hospitals are now mandated by law to complete a community health needs assessment. The health department has been very successful in working with them to complete this process in past years. The health department and the medical centers are collaborating on a health survey to determine the priority health needs of Polk's residents. The survey can be accessed at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/POLK12

5) Update on Communicable Disease

Sampson reported that as of October 31, 5,163 cases (3,749 confirmed and 1,414 probable) of pertussis with completed investigations have been reported among Wisconsin residents. There have been 17 confirmed cases in Polk County. Recommended treatment for children is to be out of school until after 5 days of treatment.

As of October 30, 2012 Wisconsin has reported 54 cases of West Nile virus (39 neuroinvasive and 15 non-neuroinvasive) and 4 deaths. Wisconsin also reported 1 La Crosse virus case and 2 Powassan virus cases. Powassan (POW) virus is transmitted to humans by ticks. La Crosse encephalitis virus (LACV) is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito.

There is a national outbreak of fungal meningitis. New England Compounding Center was implicated in the medication contamination. Since September of 2012, there have been 325 cases with 32 deaths nationwide. Individuals affected received steroid injections to their back or joints. Infections can take up to 4 weeks to develop and can be treated with antifungal medications. Treatment is long with numerous side effects.

Director's Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

Sampson distributed an article from NACCHO that summarizes how the election results will impact public health. La Crosse County Health Department and BPH is sponsoring a session focused on frac sand mining and state DNR and Health Department officials have been invited, Board of Health members in the western region are also invited. Sampson will forward information on this session as it becomes available.

2) Public Health Research

Sampson distributed an article from the Journal of the American Medical Association that highlighted issues associated with pharmaceutical compounding facilities back in 2002 and had predicted today's problem of a national health crisis with deaths occurring due to contaminated products, i.e. the fungal meningitis situation.

3) Agency Update

Sampson returned from the American Public Health Association (APHA) conference in San Francisco where she was awarded "the Milton and Ruth Roemer Award for Creative Local Public Health Work". It was presented at the Public Health Awards Reception and Ceremony to recognize the individuals who received APHA's most distinguished awards. Sampson was nominated by Elizabeth Geise, the Director of the DPH Western Regional office in Eau Claire.

Sampson received another award from the APHA Health Administration Section called the WC Woodward Award given to a section member who has advanced the practice of health administration through outstanding leadership, contributions in a management or educational setting and provided significant service to the Health Administration section.

Dr. Lagus cautioned eating yellow fin tuna and sushi because of a salmonella outbreak.

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

The next Board of Health meeting will be December 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.