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## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

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 November 8, 2011 meeting
- Monthly Bills (Review only) – Sampson
- Agency Statistical Reports – (Review only) – Sampson
- Agency Out of County Meetings Report – Sampson
- Old Business
  - 1) Report from November 28 Legislative Event—Sampson/Lagus
  - 2) Resolution to Support National Voluntary Accreditation - Sampson
- New Business
  - 1) Communicable Disease Trends 2011 –Sampson
  - 2) Report from Professional Advisory Committee Meeting – Sampson/Lagus/Scoglio
  - 3) Consolidation of Aging Unit to ADRC – Jeff Fuge
  - 4) Report on 2011 Influenza Vaccination Program – 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 November 8, 2011

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:05 AM on December 13, 2011

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

Also: Gretchen Sampson Julie Houman Caralynn Hodgson  
Bonnie Leonard Jeff Fuge-Corporation Counsel

Absent: Kristine Kremer-Hartung

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

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

**Public Comment: none**

**Motion by Johansen/Nelson to approve the minutes of the November 08, 2011 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

#### **3) Consolidation of Aging Unit to ADRC**

Jeff Fuge reported on the proposed consolidation of the Aging Programs and the Polk/Burnett Counties Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). On Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 4:00 pm (before the December County Board Meeting), the Council on Aging will meet to discuss the 8521 grant contract and the consolidation of the Aging Department with the ADRC. There will be an opportunity for public input on the merger. The Council on Aging will still exist. There was discussion on the functions of an ADRC and the new structure of the entity.

### **Monthly Bill Review**

Sampson reviewed the list of accounts payable for the Department in the months of November and December.

### **Monthly Statistical Reports**

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial reports for October and November.

### **Out of County Meetings**

Sampson reviewed the list of out of county meetings and trainings for December and January.

**Motion by Dr. Lagus/Johnson to approve out of county travel for the Director/Health Officer. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Old Business**

### **1) Report from November 28 Legislative Event**

Sampson and Dr. Lagus attended this event along with 2 legislators. Items discussed included the Healthy Jobs Act, which encourages employers to offer wellness programs to employees for a tax credit. Senator Harsdorf expressed concern about the unsustainability of the Medicaid program. Sampson reported that there was discussion on possible changes for non-pregnant, non disabled Medicaid recipients with higher incomes in terms of increased premiums and higher eligibility parameters.

### **2) Resolution to Support National Voluntary Accreditation**

Sampson added attachment I to the resolution which includes the Three Core Functions of Public Health and the Ten Essential Public Health Services. The Resolution will be presented to the County Board at the meeting December 20, 2011. There were no suggested changes to the amended resolution that Supervisor Schmidt signed.

## **New Business**

### **1) Communicable Disease Trends 2010 - 11**

Sampson distributed a chart of confirmed and probable communicable diseases reported to the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS). For 2011 Polk County's most frequently reported cases were:

Chlamydia Trachomatis – a sexually transmitted disease – 72 cases

Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis, (a tick-borne illness) – 31 cases

Lyme Disease – 89 cases

Hepatitis C – 16 cases

Dr. Lagus and Bonnie Leonard discussed the importance of immunizations for preventable diseases as well as offered information about Hepatitis C and Tuberculosis.

### **2) Report from Professional Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Professional Advisory Committee met on November 30 to review policies and procedures to meet Medicare "Conditions of Participation" for home care agencies. Sampson reported that pertinent program policies and procedures were reviewed and changes explained. Standing orders were renewed by Dr Lagus and Dr. Rimestad and Dr. Rimestad signed influenza and reproductive health orders.

The agenda also included the items of the Community Health Improvement Plan, Accreditation and Trends in Communicable Disease.

Follow-up discussion regarding TB testing protocols for health care providers at the three county hospitals/clinics and one skilled nursing facility was shared. All four have varying protocols for retesting staff, but all have discontinued yearly testing due to a lack of TB prevalence in Polk County. Public Health Department will continue yearly TB testing of direct care staff until Sampson receives update from State of Wisconsin TB department.

### **4) Report on 2011 Influenza Vaccination Program**

Sampson presented a summary report by site on the number of flu shots given by the Health Department the past 2 years. This year the Health Department shifted its focus

for flu vaccinations in 2011 from community sites serving elders to school districts. In 2011, 1,868 students and 584 school staff were vaccinated. Overall, 3,001 influenza vaccines have been given year to date compared to 3,389 in 2010. An additional \$40,000 is expected in influenza vaccination related income for 2011. Some of the medical clinics are also reporting a decrease in vaccinations given – Dr. Lagus stated that this could be due to very limited influenza activity statewide. Sampson reported that there are also many more flu vaccine providers thus diluting the volume of vaccine given by medical clinics and the health departments.

## **Director's Report**

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

The next Legislative meeting is January 23, 2012 in New Richmond at 9:00am. On November 23, Governor Scott Walker signed a bill for overturning previous legislation related to educational standards for school nurses and medication administration requirements and training for school staff giving meds and new rules were promulgated allowing physical education credits for students participating in competitive sports.

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

Sampson distributed an article on "Return on Investments in Public Health: A Summary of Groundbreaking Research Studies". A July 2011 study published in the journal *Health Affairs* found that increased spending by local public health departments can save lives currently lost to preventable illness.

The Board requested Sampson to draft a letter to federal representatives requesting to keep the Prevention Trust Fund in place.

### **3) Agency Update**

Sampson has been formally invited by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to attend the Forum on Future Public Health Nursing on February 7-8 at the Foundation's headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey. As a selected participant, travel expenses and lodging accommodations will be supported by NNPHI.

**Motion by Johnson/Dr. Lagus to approve attendance of Forum. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Board Member Comments**

Council on Aging to meet Tuesday December 20 at 4:00 pm.

**Motion by Johansen/Nelson to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.**

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