

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 2009
10:00 AM or immediately following the Council on Aging meeting
Large Conference Room – Polk County Health Department

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes from June, 2009 meeting
- Monthly Bills Review
(Finance Committee: Gary Bergstrom, Janice Nelson, Viola Karr)
- Monthly Statistical/Financial Reports for the Department
- Out of County Meetings Report

- Old Business
 - Lyme Disease – Western WI Lyme Action Group
 - Update on H1N1 outbreak – Bonnie Leonard
 - Update on Community Health improvement Planning Event – Mike Rust

- New Business
 - Loan Closet – Discussion on Discontinuation – Caralynn Hodgson/Carolyn Griffin
 - Tobacco Control Program Reduction in Funding – Bonnie Leonard
 - 2010 Budget - All

- Director's Report

- Board member Comments/Observances

- Adjourn

Enc: BOH minutes June, 2009

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BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:14AM on July 14, 2009.

Present: Neil Johnson Rick Scoglio Jim Edgell
Wanda Johnson Bob Dueholm Dr. Arne Lagus
Gary Bergstrom

Also: Caralynn Hodgson Carolyn Griffin Bonnie Leonard

Chairman Neil Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:13AM.

Caralynn Hodgson introduced Laura Van der Vaken, Nursing Student at UW-Viterbo who will be observing in the Health Department for two weeks.

Motion by Dr. Lagus/Scoglio to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Edgell/W. Johnson to approve the minutes of the June meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Carolyn Griffin reviewed the list of bills and answered any questions. Dr. Lagus commented that the contracted physical therapy service provider is excellent.

Motion by Edgell/Dr. Lagus to approve the bills in the amount of \$31,741.11. All in favor. Motion carried.

Statistical Reports

Griffin reviewed the Public Health program budget overview for June. Recent revenues for some budgets were received in July which will improve the negative balances. Bonnie Leonard reviewed the Public Health statistical reports.

Supervisor Edgell asked about the tourist rooming house license issues. Leonard said that Brian Hobbs could be on the agenda in August to address this. Leonard talked about the nursing time spent on animal bite follow-ups recently. Discussion followed about dog licensing, vaccinations and who is enforcing the dog ordinances. Leonard stated this subject can be discussed at the August meeting to discuss further.

Hodgson reviewed the Home Care statistical report as well as the Home Care revenue and expense report. The Wisconsin Medicare Cost Report (WIMCR) has been submitted for 2008 and payment is expected in November. Discussion followed about Home Care expenditures.

Motion by Scoglio/W. Johnson to approve the statistical reports. All in favor. Motion carried.

Out of County Meetings

Hodgson reviewed the out of county meetings for July.

Motion by Scoglio/Dr. Lagus to approve the out of county travel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Lyme Disease – Western WI Lyme Action Group

Marina Andrews and Steve Arduer from the Western Wisconsin Lyme Action group joined the meeting. Andrews spoke about the concerns of the group regarding the CDC protocol for two-step testing criteria for lymes disease. She stated the group would like to work with the Health Department in getting more information out to general public. and feels there is a lot of mis-information published about lymes. The group would like to see a checklist of symptoms and information about how to remove ticks. Dr. Lagus stated it is very difficult to diagnose and agreed that Andrews' comments were true and could contribute on developing the checklist for distribution to physicians. Bonnie Leonard added she does not believe that the MD's in Polk County are diagnosing based on CDC guidelines and it depends on the individual physician.

Chairman Johnson stated that Gretchen Sampson will contact Andrews for further follow-up to this meeting.

H1N1 Influenza Update

Leonard stated the outbreak of this virus is declining. To date Wisconsin has had 6037 confirmed and probable cases. The Milwaukee area has had the highest rate of hospitalization of patients with the virus. The H1N1 vaccine is in development and expected to be ready for distribution the November or December timeframe. This vaccine will be free of charge and will be a required two-shot series.

The target population to receive the vaccine will be students and staff K through 12; daycare children; pregnant women; new parents with infants and people with serious medical conditions.

The recommendation to Health Departments is to hold seasonal influenza clinics as soon as vaccine is available in the Fall prior to the H1N1 vaccine clinics.

CHIP Update

Mike Rust, ABC For Health, talked about the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) meeting held June 19th at the First Lutheran Church in Amery. Representatives from schools, business and other organizations joined program Health Department staff in discussing and identifying the top three health priorities in Polk County. Rust handed out a copy of the CD distributed to the meeting participants that included information on the twelve health priorities in the State. He also handed out a behavior risk survey by high school school students in Polk County.

Preliminary survey results of the meeting participants show that Physical Activity, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control; and Adequate, Appropriate and Safe Nutrition are the top three health priorities. Committees will continue to work on these focus areas.

New Business Loan Closet

Hodgson and Griffin addressed the Health Department's loan closet of durable medical supplies and recommended discontinuing the program. Initial equipment donations were received by the American Cancer Society and donations have been received from citizens over the past several years. Hodgson talked about the liability of the equipment in people's homes and the fact that the employee managing the loan closet and responsible for the repair of the equipment is no longer with the Department. Griffin added there is inadequate staff to handle associated paperwork and appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of the equipment when it is returned from the public and storage space is also a problem. She also added there are several other resources in the area to obtain equipment. There will be a county auction in the Fall for the existing equipment to be offered to the public.

Motion by Edgell/Dueholm to discontinue the loan closet program in the Health Department. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tobacco Control Program Reduction in Funding

Bonnie Leonard stated the tobacco funding has been decreased by 55%. It is uncertain at this time how and when this funding cut will affect the local health departments.

2010 Budget Discussion

Board members discussed the county's budget shortfall. Chairman Johnson stated that decisions on budget cuts need to be made by Department Heads.

Dr. Lagus addressed the Home Care Program and stated that the program is more important than ever as Lakeview HomeCare from the Twin City area no longer serves this county. The Good Samaritan Home Care Program was just launched and so far as very limited staff and services available. Wanda Johnson also stated that Board members should be mindful that the Health Department has eliminated positions in previous years of budget shortfalls while other Departments have not.

Director's Report

Hodgson reported that the agency received a First Breath mini-grant in the amount of \$1455.90 to work with prenatal care coordination clients.

Board Member Comments

Rick Scoglio asked if the statistical reports could include some Lyme disease information. Leonard said she would include in the Public Health reporting.

Motion by Scogio/Edgell to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

The next Board of Health meeting will be August 11, 2009 at 10:00. The Finance Committee for voucher signing will be Jim Edgell, Janice Nelson and Viola Karr.