

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 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 October, 2009 meeting
- Monthly Bills Review
(Finance Committee: Gary Bergstrom, Karen Krupa, Mary Stachowski)
- Monthly Statistical/Financial Reports for the Department
- Out of County Meetings Report

- Old Business
 - Update on seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccine/activities – Sampson
 - 2010 Department Budget Update – Sampson

- New Business
 - New Home Care Regulations – Red Flag Rule Resolution
 - Presentation on Agency Reproductive Health Program – Debbie Leschisin
 - Birth to 3 Funding Update – Sampson

- Director's Report
- Board member Comments/Observances
- Adjourn

Enc: BOH minutes October, 2009

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Out of County Meetings

Sampson reviewed the list of out of county travel for the remainder of November and into December. The Preparedness staff will be traveling to meet with the Ho Chunk Tribe, Monroe, LaCrosse, Trempeleau and Buffalo Counties which are joining the Preparedness Consortia in January. Jennifer Swenson, Health Educator in the Tobacco Program, has posted into the open position for the Preparedness staff and will start November 16th.

**Motion by Dr. Lagus/Dueholm to approve the out of county meetings. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Old Business

Update on seasonal and H1N1 vaccine/activities

The school clinics have been postponed until vaccine is available. Sampson stated that H1N1 flu is circulating in the county. There have been large numbers of absenteeism due to illness per our weekly school surveillance reports.

The Health Department has completed one clinic with another scheduled this week. The initial target group for the H1N1 vaccine is health care workers, children 6 months to 5 years of age, pregnant women and children 5 to 18 years of age with high risk chronic diseases.

The Health Department has not yet received the balance of the seasonal flu vaccine ordered but will schedule clinics when vaccine arrives.

2010 Budget Update

The Board of Supervisors will vote on the 2010 budget today.

New Business

New Home Care Regulations – Red Flag Rule Resolution

Caralynn Hodgson, Home Care Supervisor, informed the group that the Corporation Counsel has developed a resolution and policy for the county to comply with the new Red Flag Rule which is a Federal rule in which entities who bill clients for medical services are required to insure personal information is not subject to identity theft. The Department we will need to develop procedures to insure this information is not stolen. The ruling has been delayed for implementation until June 1, 2010. The Health Department procedure for this ruling will be presented to the Board of Health when it is finalized.

Agency Reproductive Health Program

Debbie Leschisin, Reproductive Health Nurse Practitioner, handed out information on reproductive health from the Alan Guttmacher Institute. She gave a power point presentation on the Polk County Reproductive Health Program and reviewed statistics for program participants in the county.

The program was started in 1981 and has grown from 80 clients a year to over 1,000 clients per year. Leschisin stated the local medical clinics are very supportive of the program and refer clients to the program regularly.

Sampson commended Leschisin on her excellent job.

Birth to Three Funding Update

Sampson stated that the Birth to Three Program is receiving \$22,000 in stimulus funding from July 1, 2009 to September 2011. However, the overall grant funding is expected to be reduced. Sampson will be participating in conference calls in the upcoming weeks.

Drug Disposal

Rick Scoglio opened up a discussion about drug disposal policies at Golden Age Manor and other nursing homes and medical facilities. Scoglio feels that the Board of Health needs to address how drugs are being disposed of at these facilities in the county.

Dr. Lagus stated the recommendation is that drugs be returned to the pharmaceutical companies for disposal. Chairman Johnson thought an ordinance should be drafted.

Sampson stated she will research on what other communities are doing for medical waste disposal and bring back information at the next meeting.

Director's Report

Sampson handed out information from the American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting she attended recently. One document was a comparison of the Senate and House Bills on health care reform and the other was a document published by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) on Public Health and Prevention in the health reform legislation.

Sampson stated that in the House bill, funding is provided for FY2011 through FY2014 for:

- Community Health Centers
- National Health Service Corps
- Public Health Workforce
- Prevention and Wellness Trust which includes funding for core Public Health infrastructure for State Health Departments, Local Health Departments and the CDC.

Dr. Lagus stated that public education is important about the healthcare reform legislation.

Motion by Edgell/W. Johnson to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM.

The next Board of Health meeting will be December 8, 2009 at 10:00AM.