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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

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 February 12, 2013 meeting - All
- Department Statistical/Financial Reports–Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Update on Accreditation Site Visit – All
 - 2) Communicable Disease Update –Leonard
 - 3) Community Health Needs Assessment Update – Sampson
 - 4) Update on St. Croix Falls Fluoridation - Sampson
- New Business
 - 1) Director Goals for 2013 – Sampson
 - 2) Written testimony guidance for upcoming Joint Finance Committee Hearings - 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 February 12, 2013

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:00 AM on March 12, 2013

Present: Dr. Arne Lagus Rick Scoglio Patricia Schmidt
Tom Magnafici Brian Masters Kim Gearin
Also: Gretchen Sampson Julie Krenz Caralynn Hodgson
Lillias Olson, Graduate Student
Kathy German-Olson, UW Eau Claire School of Nursing and 4 UW-Eau
Claire nursing students

Not Present: Leslie Larsen, Bonnie Leonard

Chairperson Master's called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Sampson requested to add budget performance measures to Agenda.

**Motion by Schmidt/ Magnafici to approve the amended agenda. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Public Comment: Welcome Kathy German-Olson, Clinical Instructor for UW Eau Claire along with 4 nursing students. The students are here as part of their senior capstone experience. They are among a group of 8 students who volunteer for a more extensive public health experience than other senior nursing students. They are in a 64 hour practicum while other students get 18 hours.

Motion by Masters/Schmidt to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2013 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Report

Sampson reviewed the agency year-ending statistical and financial data for 2012. Public Health had a positive balance of \$31,148.19 which will be applied to the Home Care deficit since both budgets are included in the county 101 account. Immunization had a loss that will be made up in 2013, with late billing revenue, while PNCC, Environmental Health and Reproductive Health all had gains. The remaining accounts balanced out.

The 2012 levy for Home Care was budgeted at \$114,840 and ended up coming in at \$220,431 less the \$31,148 from public health making it \$74,443 over budgeted levy.

Old Business

1) Accreditation Site Visit

Sampson thanked all board members for their attendance at the PHAB site visit and for their continued support with accreditation. In the exit interview, the PHAB site visitors noted the health department's strengths to be: engaging external resources, the PHEP plan, quality of staff, great facility, connectedness and strong policy development. Areas for improvement include: documentation, continued quality improvement and workforce development.

The PHAB board meets quarterly to determine accreditation; we expect our accreditation determination to be made in May. Eleven agencies have been accredited to date with West Allis being the only agency in Wisconsin.

2) Communicable Disease Update

Sampson distributed a cumulative report for probable and confirmed communicable diseases for 2012 reported by WEDSS. The top incidents being: Lyme disease - 160 cases, Chlamydia - 97 cases, Hepatitis C - 26 cases, and Pertussis - 25 cases.

Wisconsin has seen an increase in CRE (carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae) infections, also known as the Super Bug. CRE is most susceptible to people with prolonged hospital stays and patients who use catheters or ventilators. CRE is treatable with antibiotics but serious infections have a high mortality rate of up to 50%.

3) Community Health Needs Assessment Update

Sampson reported that after 4 community forums, partner meetings, hospital and coalition meetings and extensive data collection, the top 3 priorities voted for in Polk County are: 1. Mental Health, 2. Obesity, 3. Alcohol. Groups will now convene to work on an updated community health improvement plan. Sampson expects it will be completed by end of July.

4) Update on Fluoridation in St. Croix Falls

The City Council for St Croix Falls and Balsam Lake have both voted to discontinue community water fluoridation. Sampson, along with many SCRMC staff, local dentists and community members attended a city council meeting on March 4 to promote and educate the SCF city council on the positive impact of fluoridation. There will be another City Council meeting in March in SCF to decide on the issue.

5) 2013 Agency Performance Measures for the Citizen Guide to the Budget

Sampson reviewed the Health Departments performance measures with each program having a goal and quality improvement measure. These performance measures will be included in the County Citizen Guide to the Budget which will soon be available on the county website.

New Business

1) Director Goals for 2013

Sampson reviewed the health department's goals for 2012 and how we've achieved them. The goals for 2013 are:

- Goal 1: Implement 2013 activities of the agency 2013-16 Strategic Plan
- Goal 2: Comply with requirements to maintain national voluntary accreditation
- Goal 3: Complete Community Health Assessment and develop a new CHIP

2) Written Testimony Guidance for Joint Finance Committee Hearings

Sampson provided a template for creating a powerful written testimony with examples and talking points.

Directors Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

Sampson distributed an article by NACCHO on Sequestration. Sequestration will affect public health with across the board cuts to many programs.

2) Public Health Research:

Sampson handed out a WALHDAB member survey for board members. Return completed surveys to Sampson on or before April 4th.

3) Agency Update

Sampson reported that interviews are being scheduled for a new Director of Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium.

Faith Olson will be joining the Health Department team on March 18th as a Public Health Nurse.

The Health Department has partnered to apply for a new grant regarding the mental health of preschoolers. A letter of intent is due March 15, 2013

Motion by Scoglio/Magnafici to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

The next Board of Health meeting will tentatively be April 9, 2013 at 10:00 am.