



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 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 June 11, 2013 meeting - All
- Department Statistical/Financial Reports - Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Accreditation Update – Sampson/Board members
 - 2) Home Care Program status - All
 - 3) Board of Health Policy Statement on Fluoride – All
 - 4) Grant Submission -Preschool Mental Health – Sampson
 - 5) 2012 Annual report discussion- All
- New Business
 - 1) 2014 Department Budget Presentation – All
 - 2) Results from Birth to 3 Program Review – 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 June 11, 2013 (no July meeting)

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the County Board Room at 10:00 AM on August 13, 2013

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

Also: Gretchen Sampson, Julie Krenz, Caralynn Hodgson, Bonnie Leonard, Dana Frey, Anita Johnson

Public: Gregg Westigard –The Inter-County Leader

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Sampson requested to add Board of Health Training and the WALHDAB ballot to New Business on the Agenda. Masters added that the Home Care status update would be purely financial.

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

Public Comment: None

Motion by Schmidt/Larsen to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Report

Sampson distributed the July 2013 financial and statistical reports for review.

As voted by the Board of Health last year, the schools will now be charged for all nursing hours for the 2013 school year. Frederic Seventh Day Adventist School may decline these nursing services and Clayton school is exploring alternatives. There may be other issues related to this policy change that arise.

There was some concern expressed about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the health insurance exchange as well as how the changes in eligibility will affect people on Medical Assistance. Frey stated that the county is taking a minimal approach; two full time persons will be dedicated to deal with this. The Health Department will have the Family Health Benefits Counselor trained as a certified application counselor. Sampson stated they had a meeting with the local hospitals to discuss ACA local implementation and potential logistics of such.

Old Business

1) Agency Accreditation Status Update

There was an accreditation celebration on July 24th. Sampson expressed thanks to all who attended, including Dr. Lagus for speaking. The Health Department was also presented

with a proclamation from Governor Scott Walk that designated July 24, 2013 as Polk County Public Health Day throughout the State of Wisconsin.

2) Home Care Program Status

Sampson distributed an update of the Home Care financial status. There are several issues: a levy budget that is going to be exceeded, staff turnover and stress, referrals down due to public and provider uncertainty, and an unfavorable payer mix. The handout also included steps if the program continues and steps if the program closes. Home Care is currently serving 75 patients as of July 30, 2013, with only 2 RNs, 2 LPNs and 2 casual RNs on staff.

The projected financials for 2013 if the program remains is a loss of \$186,669.

3) Board of Health Policy Statements

Sampson distributed a draft policy statement on the support of fluoridation. Masters doesn't believe the Health Department should be involved in telling towns or municipalities what to do. Sampson stated that the municipalities look to the Health Department for guidance regarding public health issues.

Motion by Dr Lagus/Larsen to support the community water fluoridation policy statement. All in favor. Motion carried.

4) Grant Submission: Preschool Mental Health

Polk County and its partners submitted a development grant proposal to the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program for a Children's Mental Health project. If funded, this would be a two year grant for \$200,000 of which we would get approximately 75%. The grant will be awarded in October.

5) 2012 Annual Report Discussion

No comments or concerns.

New Business

1) 2014 Department Budget

Sampson distributed 2014 budget discussion points; firm budget amounts will be presented at the September BOH meeting. County budget guidance was a 0% levy increase with a 1.5% compensation increase. Health insurance and WRS rates have increased from this year.

2) Results from Birth to Three Program Review

Birth to Three was reviewed by the state of Wisconsin. The review went well; it's been a challenging year due to the loss of the speech pathologist. The regulations have changed to require a primary coaching model with the program staff and contract therapy services.

3) WALHDAB Education Event

Western Region Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards is holding an educational event on September 4, 2013. There is a video conference at St. Croix

County Health Center in New Richmond; board members are encouraged to attend. Registration is required.

4) WALHDAB Special Election Ballot

Sara Carsten, a member of the Dunn County Health and Human Services Department is running as Alternate on the State Board of the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards to represent the Western Region.

Motion by Dr. Lagus/Gearin to Support Sara Carsten for Alternate for Western Region. All in favor. Motion carried.

Directors Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

None scheduled.

2) Public Health Research:

Sampson distributed the current NALBOH publication.

3) Agency Update

Kerri Slate, RN for Home Care and Julie Krenz, Public Health Office Manager, have both submitted resignations.

Motion by Larsen/Masters to thank both employees for their service to Polk County. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sampson indicated that the CDC associate the Health Department was expecting for a 2-year fellowship has been canceled with no explanation.

Dr. Lagus expressed concern for a nursing home patient that cannot find transportation for a medical appointment. The patient needs wheel chair accessible transportation, if no transportation can be provided the patient may need to be transported by ambulance.

Larsen is resigning from the Board of Health effective August 20, 2013, since she is becoming a Florida resident. The Board and Health Department thanked Larsen for her support and dedication to the board.

Motion by Lagus/Larsen to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

The next Board of Health meeting is set for September 10, 2013 at 10:00 am.