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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

10:00 AM

Conference Room A/B – Polk County Health Department

AGENDA

- Call to order – Chairman Brian Masters
- Welcome New BOH Member Erica Kamish
- Approval of Agenda - All
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2013 meeting - All
- Department Statistical/Financial Reports - Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Update on Home Care Program Closeout Process – Sampson/Hodgson
 - 2) Update on Affordable Care Act Implementation – Sampson
 - 3) Department 2014 Budget – Sampson
 - 4) Communicable Disease Update - Leonard
- New Business
 - 1) Review of Progress on Agency 2013-16 Strategic Plan - Sampson
 - 2) Report on 2013 School Influenza Program – Sampson
 - 3) Update on Community Health Improvement Planning Process - Mary Boe
- 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 October 8, 2013

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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
November 12, 2013

The Polk County Board of Health met in Conference room A&B of the Polk County Health Department.

Present: Patricia Schmidt, Brian Masters, Tom Magnafici, Rick Scoglio, Dr. Arne Lagus, Kim Gearin, via phone and Erica Kamish

Also: Gretchen Sampson, Caralynn Hodgson, Mary Boe, Mike Rust and Bonnie Leonard

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Erica Kamish, RN new Board of Health member was welcomed by all present. She gave an overview of her 12 years of experience working as an RN. She worked for Polk County Public Health department in 2006-2007; has had a variety of clinical nursing experiences and is currently the CNO at Osceola Medical Center.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2013 Meeting:

Sampson explained that the minutes need to be amended to include the motion made by Gearin/seconded by Schmidt to approve all the Department's 2014 technical budget amendments.

Motion by Schmidt/Magnafici to approve the minutes as amended of the October 8th, 2013 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Department Statistical/Financial Reports

Sampson distributed the financial and statistical reports for review.

Old Business

1) Update on Home Care Program Closeout Process

Hodgson shared an updated document on the transition process. They have 15 clients left in the process of transition out of the original 64 clients on service when the county board approved to close the program on August 20, 2013. There are 6 field staff left to serve clients, but by December 6th, 2013 they will be down to 4 field nursing staff left. There are issues with backlogs of clients referred to the other home care agencies due to their staffing capacities (staff being ill or new hires being trained) and the volume of new referrals they are assuming that Polk County Home Care would have normally taken. Overall this process is going as quickly as expected and the final 15 clients should be transitioned by the first or second week of December. Hodgson also informed the Board members and commended staff on earning placement on the 2013 HomeCare Elite listing as one of the top tier Home Health Care Agencies in the United States. OCS HomeCare uses publicly available data to name the top 25% of agencies in the United States based on the following measures: quality of care, quality improvement, patient experience, process measure implementation and financial management. Of the 26 Wisconsin home care agencies listed, 4 were county run agencies and Polk County Home Care was the only agency listed that serves Polk County.

2) Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Mike Rust with ABC for Health gave an update on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) rollout. Northwest CEP in Ashland received a grant from Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to become the area Navigator for ACA. They will provide 5 hours to Polk County for outreach, which will not begin until December. They will not be performing any enrollments, which is why PCHD has three trained certified application counselors (CAC's) who have been assisting Polk Citizens with their applications since October 1, 2013. Staff are assisting with 6-8 paper applications per day. Rust informed the group that St. Croix Regional Medical Center has CAC's in each of their clinics and Amery Regional Medical Center has a couple CAC's too. Dr. Lagus expressed his concern regarding no insurance plans serving Burnett or Sawyer counties, but Rust explained that there are insurance plans in all 72 counties, but providers may not yet have contracts with these plans. Rust will present ACA information to farmers on December 3rd in the county board room from 6:30 to 9:00pm and to Law enforcement, jail and probation officers on November 20th, 2013 from 2:30-4:00pm. Rust said that some in jail may be able to get insurance coverage through ACA exchanges which would significantly decrease the liability burden the county now assumes for inmates at the jail. Plus, with mental health parity rules in the ACA law, this may help to decrease inmate recidivism. The County has spent \$880,000 so far this year on youth residential mental health coverage and because this is a required coverage item in the ACA, this could be another big cost savings to the county budget in the future.

3) Department 2014 Budget

Sampson distributed Dana Frey's "Amendment 1-Technical Amendment" document showing the technical amendments necessary for the 2014 Department budget. Most of them are small shifts between line items due to changes in the state Consolidated Contract award information that came to the Department after submission of the original budget.

4) Communicable Disease Update

Leonard reported on a potential Pertussis case that she hopes does not develop into a local outbreak. Leonard informed the group that they have seen an increase in the number of gastrointestinal illnesses, but they are of different types with no identified connections between them. Chlamydia cases and one gonorrhea case continue to be reported. No influenza has been identified in the county yet. Dr. Lagus said one of his colleagues just diagnosed a case of influenza this past week. Sampson reported that influenza cases are below normal for this time of year in both Wisconsin and nationally.

New Business

1) Review of Progress on Agency 2013-2016 Strategic Plan

Sampson gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Department's Strategic Plan goals and what will be worked on in 2014 and beyond. They are waiting to receive instructions from the PHAB Board on what is needed to maintain accreditation. Program leaders attended a training last month to learn how to perform an effective program evaluation using meaningful data and clear objectives. The goal is to identify what needs improving, changing or tweaking. A goal is to annually evaluate 2 PH programs and for 2014, the Prenatal Care Coordination and Birth to Three programs will be evaluated using the methods learned in this training. Sampson also explained that they will continue to work on external communication and collaboration with community members; staff competency assessment and training; work plan development for all PH grants, and exploration of fiscal/funding opportunities which may include entering into relationships with local Accountable Care Organizations as they develop.

2) Report on 2013 School Influenza Program

Sampson handed out statistical graphs and charts showing the student/staff influenza immunization numbers from 2010-2013. She explained that they immunized up to 20% of the students. The paperwork needed is a small barrier to giving the vaccine at school as it's not always filled out completely or signed. They no longer do clinics for senior citizens in the community as they are getting it through their medical providers, at the grocery stores or pharmacies. School clinics were a success and Sampson commended staff for getting this huge task done while staging it as a Mass Clinic exercise to get hands on preparedness experience and be able to obtain free state offered vaccine. Dr. Lagus suggested holding a Saturday morning family clinic in future years.

3) Update on Community Health Improvement Planning Process

Mary Boe handed out Root Cause Analyses and Work Plans developed with community partners for the top three identified problems needing improvements in Polk County: Suicide prevention/Mental Health concerns; Obesity and Alcohol Use and discussed each with the group. Dr. Lagus thought the arrows in the Root Cause analyses should go both ways. The group suggested that use of grocery/convenience stores be used to get information out to the public regarding obesity control measures and alcohol use. Dr. Lagus thought it would be helpful to inform the public that it generally takes 4 drinks for men and 3 for women to identify it as binge drinking. Boe thought the use of advertizing in theaters and newspapers could be used to get this information out. The Osceola School District and Medical Center had CHIP information shared in their newsletters. Boe/Sampson asked the members to review the presented information and call either of them with their suggestions and questions.

Director's Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates

Sampson distributed minutes from the October 21, 2013 Legislative Event attended by only Sheila Harsdorf. Sheila reported on the Wisconsin Healthy Jobs Act and PH officials discussed: Tobacco updates; Raw Milk legislation which is at a stalemate, Home visitation programming by Patty Draxler from the Family Resource Center ; ACA updates, and legislation regarding use of dental hygienists in shortage areas. Sampson also shared a WPHA sponsored grid of current health related legislation being considered.

2) Public Health Research

Sampson distributed an article from Medscape explaining a study completed by Sanofi Pasteur which shows that Fluzone High-Dose vaccine foils flu better in Senior Citizens.

3) Agency Updates – None

4) Board Member Comments

Sampson would like members to take time to evaluate the Board of Health meetings. She will send out a survey for BOH member to complete between now and the December Board meeting.

Motion by Scoglio/Magnafici to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

The next Board of Health meeting is set for December 10th, 2013 at 10:00 AM.