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## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – AMENDED 10/04/13

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 September 10, 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) Agent Program Follow-up Discussion – Sampson/Brian Hobbs
  - 4) Technical Amendments to the Department 2014 Budget – Sampson
  - 5) Communicable Disease Update - Leonard
- New Business
  - 1) Tobacco Control Program: 2013 Polk County Polling Results Presentation – Mary Boe
  - 2) Recognition of *The Physical Therapy Center* – Sampson/Hodgson (11:45 am)
- 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 September 10, 2013

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in Conference room AB of the Polk County Health Department at 10:00 AM on October 8, 2013.

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

**Also:** Kristine Hartung, Gretchen Sampson, Caralynn Hodgson, Dana Frey, Brian Hobbs, Mary Boe, Gregg Westigard, Roger Branes, Sharon Branes

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion by Scoglio/Masters to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Monthly Department Statistical/Financial Reports**

Sampson distributed the financial and statistical reports for review. She believes the department budgets will all come in on target except for Home Care. Scoglio inquired as to whether Obamacare will impact health services with coverage for inmates in the county jail. Currently inmates are not covered by Medicaid or other insurance while incarcerated and become the liability of the county for health care related costs. Sampson will explore this and get information to the BOH members. Gearin asked about school health services and whether the new approach of billing for all school time is going as planned. Sampson reported that so far, there have been no dramatic changes in nursing services to the schools. Immunization related service time in the schools is not billed due to the health department billing insurers for those services.

### **Old Business**

#### **1) Update on Home Care Program Closeout Process**

Hodgson shared that continue to work with clients to get them moved to another agency of their choosing. She shared a document on the transition process since the county board decision to close the program. They have 42 clients still on service in the process of transition. There are 6 field staff left to serve clients. There are issues with backlogs of patients with the home care agencies taking our patients due to the volume as well as those agencies assuming patients that Polk County Home Care would have normally taken. These factors are causing the process to go slower than anticipated. The original target date of October 31, 2013 is now more likely to be November. Sampson commended staff on their professionalism and outstanding patient centered care during this difficult time.

#### **2) Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

Sampson discussed the county meeting held last week with over 30 attendees to discuss what is going on in Polk County with the ACA. There were librarians, community members, the "Navigator" for our region, medical center reps, human services department staff, health department staff and others. Sampson explained the work of Certified Application Counselors (CACs). The Health Department has 3 CACs trained and certified; SCRMC is planning on having 7 CACs and ARMC is also sending staff to training. The goal is to have as many people who interface with the public needing information on the

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ACA and Wisconsin's system to get the help they need. Dr. Lagus is concerned about the 100,000 people statewide that will lose Badger Care coverage. Since Wisconsin did not accept the federal expansion of Medicaid to those between 100% and 133% or poverty, there is concern about affordability of any insurance on the exchange. Lagus stated patients presenting at hospital emergency rooms will still be evaluated and stabilized regardless of insurance status which is no different than current practice.

### **3) Agent Program Follow up Discussion**

Sampson reviewed the information she had sent Board members prior to the meeting about the Agent program and other environmental health programs including the DNR well water testing program. Magnafici had questions about state fees (10% of license fees), vending machine reimbursement (90% of state imposed license fees) to the department when inspections completed, temporary licenses, and specifics of the DNR contract. The Health Department gets paid quarterly by the DNR with the last payment reconciled for the testing/inspections/well surveys completed. He expressed concern about liability of the program. Dana stated the county does have the liability coverage required. Sampson stated that to her knowledge, no Wisconsin health department has been sued over the work done in this program. Hobbs stated that the program staffs follow program established protocols thus greatly reducing any risk to the county. There was discussion about advantages of regionalization and shared services between counties which is common public health practice in Wisconsin. Counties with resources assist those with less in order to achieve broad public health goals, in this instance safe drinking water to the public. Bayfield likely is assuming the DNR contract for Washburn County in 2014. The program revenue from serving Burnett County offsets levy funding to the Health Department that was previously eliminated that supports statutory required human health hazard control. Sampson estimates this amount to be approximately \$20,000. Magnafici asked if the contract renewal with DNR comes before county board. Frey stated it is implied approval if the Board approves the Health Department budget. Magnafici asked for a breakdown of costs between Polk and Burnett for the DNR program. Sampson will work on this and get back to him. Gearin asked about what else the BOH could do to help support this program? Hobbs stated he does substantial public education about the program. Sampson stated they are happy to provide detailed information about programs to the BOH as it is very important that they fully understand specific programs so that they can clarify the public's questions and further support the program.

### **4) Technical Amendments to the Budget**

Sampson distributed a document showing the technical amendments necessary for the 2014 Department budget. Most of them are due to changes in the state Consolidated Contract award information that came to the Department after submission of the original budget. Frey stated they will take care of all technical amendments at the county board meeting in November.

### **5) Communicable Disease Update**

Sampson distributed a state update document on the current status of Pertussis in Wisconsin. Although statewide numbers are dramatically down from a year ago (701 versus 5,440), this disease still continues to be circulating. Polk County has 7 cases so far in 2013. Sampson explained reasons why whooping cough is still a significant public health issue.

## **New Business**

### **1) Tobacco Control Program: 2013 Polk County Polling Results**

Mary Boe, Health Educator, presented a power point summary of recent Community Transformation Grant (CTG) polling of 25 communities around the issues of physical activity, tobacco and healthy foods.

Statewide 8,000 people were polled; in Polk County 300 were polled in late August, 2013. The goal of the CTG program is to decrease chronic disease. Overall, the polling showed community support in Polk County for tobacco free policies, farm to school nutrition programs and consideration of walking and biking opportunities in community development planning.

## **2) Recognition of the Physical Therapy Center**

Sampson presented a plaque of recognition to Roger and Sharon Branes (and Leah Williams, not able to attend) of the Physical Therapy Center for over 29 years of contract therapy services to the county Home Care Program. Dr. Lagus also commended them for outstanding therapy services to patients served by St. Croix Regional Medical Center.

## **Director's Report**

### **1) Public Health Legislative Updates**

Sampson distributed updated information on the Raw Milk Bill which is currently moving through the State Legislature. There have been public hearings on the bill. The Health Department does not support this legislation.

### **2) Public Health Research**

Sampson distributed a NACCHO article on Job Losses and Program Cuts: Findings from the 2013 Profile of Local Health Departments. During 2012, nearly ½ of LHDs reduced or eliminated services in at least one program. Sampson distributed a document that introduces "Health in All Policies: A Guide for State and Local Governments". This approach emphasizes a healthy community framework that: 1) Meets basic needs of all, 2) quality and sustainability of environment, 3) adequate levels of economic and social development, 4) health and social equity, and 5) social relationships that are supportive and respectful.

### **3) Agency Updates**

Sampson stated that Brian Hobbs has been recognized by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) for exemplary contribution to his profession. Dr. Lagus stated that Sampson recently received the 2013 Health Care Advocate of the Year Award from the St. Croix Health Care Foundation.

**Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.**

**The next Board of Health meeting is set for November 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM.**