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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, April 30, 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 March 12, 2013 meeting - All
- Department Statistical/Financial Reports–Sampson
- Old Business

- 1) Update on Accreditation Process – Sampson
- 2) Communicable Disease Update –Leonard
- 3) Community Health Needs Assessment Final Report – Sampson
- 4) Update on St. Croix Falls Fluoridation - Sampson
 - New Business

- 1) Home Care Analysis – Dana Frey

Discussion/questions regarding Home Health Care program with committee and Dana Frey and any possible action(s) regarding the program

- 2) Board of Health Policy Statements – Sampson
- 3) Report from 4/23 county board program evaluation meeting –County Board members of BOH
 - Director’s Report

- 1) Public Health Legislative Updates –Sampson
- 2) Public Health Research – Sampson
- 3) Agency Updates – Sampson
 - Board member Comments/Observances
 - Adjourn

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BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the County Board Room at 10:00 AM on April 30, 2013

Present: Rick Scoglio, Patricia Schmidt, Leslie Larsen, Tom Magnafici, Brian Masters, Kim Gearin

Unable to Attend: Dr. Arne Lagus

Also: Gretchen Sampson, Julie Krenz, Caralynn Hodgson, Bonnie Leonard, Dana Frey, Chris Cloutier, Rita Bohn, Gerry Cardinal, Nyla Anderson, Lisa Loughlin, Anita Johnson, Tara Kuske, Karen Olson, Sally Christenson, Lillias Olson-Graduate Student, Gregg Westigard –The Inter-County Leader

Chairperson Master's called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Sampson requested to move the Home Care Analysis item to the beginning of the Agenda. **Motion by Schmidt/Magnafici to approve the amended agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: none.

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

Monthly Statistical Report

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial data for first quarter 2013. Hodgson noted that Medicare reimbursements are always lagging 2 months, so deposits received in January and February are posted to November and December, when the services were incurred, therefore, showing low revenue to date for 2013 Home Care.

1) Home Care Analysis

Administrator Frey acknowledged the high quality of care that the county Home Care Program provides. Frey distributed his policy evaluation regarding the home health program; his approach being to provide the rationale for the program in the first place. The policy question is whether there remains a problem in home health care for the county and whether Polk County government should address it. What are the goals and mission for the Polk County Home Care Program? Does the program exist because of market failure and do changes need to be made? Frey also distributed a spreadsheet of the Home Care Program financial history.

Sampson provided a summary of Medicare episodes and the average reimbursement for the period of 2009-2012. Sampson also distributed a handout that Hodgson obtained from the State of Wisconsin officials pertaining to Federal and State regulations that must be followed in the event the Board of Health and County Board would decide to close this program.

Hodgson pointed out some foreseeable problems:

- In late 2011 when the last phone survey of home care agencies serving Polk County was performed, there was a variety of potential service gaps. Some of the private companies no longer provide medication set up services through Medical Assistance or Northern Bridges pay sources, like we continue to do.
- Most private agencies said they have private pay programs, but not on a sliding scale format for those who cannot afford full fee. The county program had an admission recently for someone with no pay source needing daily nursing care. It may not be feasible for private organizations to cover the care for these individuals, but this is one of our primary reasons for county tax levy support.
- One of the agencies that Mr. Frey contacted does not provide any therapy services, yet we do provide physical and speech therapy.

Magnifici requested for the May 14 meeting, a list of all services provided by Polk County Home Care and if possible, have some representatives available for questioning from the private home health agencies on what services they provide and what capacity they would have to service our caseload.

Scoglio requested results from surrounding Counties that have closed their home health programs, what impact the closure had. Hodgson and Sampson said this is difficult because once an agency closes there is no contact person, no one tracking this data and no way to find out if there are people not receiving care. Hodgson has been tracking data since 2009 and provided a summary of referral requests made to Polk County from other counties that have closed their programs. Most of these requests were for people that could not find care from any other agency. Burnett, Barron and St Croix Counties service requests seem to be multiplying every year.

Plan of Action for May 14 Board of Health meeting; provide a list of Home Health services to compare to private sector services and request representatives from the private sector to attend a meeting for further information.

Old Business

1) Update on Accreditation

Sampson provided the accreditation site visit team report which was received on April 1, 2013. Out of 97 measures, Polk County Health Department fully met 89 measures and largely met 8 measures. According to the report PCHD's three greatest strengths are: 1) engaging the public health system in the community, 2) the strategic plan and 3) the staff. The three most serious challenges are: 1) Performance management training, 2) improved documentation, and 3) workforce development tools.

The PHAB board meets on May 30, 2013 to determine PCHD accreditation status.

2) Communicable Disease Update

There is a global alert in reference to H7N9 Virus or Avian Influenza A. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported several human infections in China. Most human cases happen in people with direct exposure to infected poultry. No human-to-human

transmission has been identified at this time. For more information on avian influenza visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/index.htm>

3) Community Health Needs Assessment Final Report

Sampson distributed the new Polk County Community Health Needs Assessment 2013. A press conference was held 2 weeks ago for the release of the new plan. Work groups are being assembled to develop strategies to address the top focus areas identified in the plan, which are: Mental Health, Obesity and Alcohol use.

4) Update on Fluoridation in St. Croix Falls

The city council in St Croix Falls voted 3:2 to keep fluoridating the water. Scoglio asked for a list of communities in Polk County that participate in fluoridation. Sampson will provide at the May meeting. 5 schools participate in the fluoride mouth rinse program: St Croix Falls, Unity, Luck, Clayton and Frederic.

New Business

2) Board of Health Policy Statement

Sampson proposed that the board prepare written policy statements stating their position on various health issues. Often, there are public health issues that require the board of health to recommend community action around a health related topic. Having a board policy statement on record would assist the health department in mobilizing resources and community advocates to address the issue. Proposed policy statements should identify a public health problem and present an objective summary of the situation.

Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to support creating policy statements from the board on specific health issues. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) Report from 4/23 County Board Program Evaluation Meeting

Neither Sampson nor the board has received a report from the evaluation meeting yet. Sampson expressed concern that due to the format of this reporting process, the Public Health performance measures were limited in scope and did not comprehensively reflect the scope of all the services offered.

Directors Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

The last legislative event was April 15, 2013 at the St Croix County Department of Health and Human Services. Topics discussed were tobacco, communicable disease, accreditation, and oral health. Next meeting is scheduled for August 2013.

2) Public Health Research:

Sampson handed out an article from NACCHO regarding FY2014 President's Budget Proposal outlining public health program funding reductions.

Sampson provided an article from the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion on binge drinking among women and girls.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture plans to aerielly spray for gypsy moths starting in May through August, the primary spray site in Polk County is near Milltown.

3) Agency Update

Sampson reported that Marci Wickland has accepted the position of Director of Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium. Marci starts on May 6, 2013.

Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

The next Board of Health meeting will be May 14, 2013 at 10:00 am.