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## **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 14, 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 April 30, 2013 meeting - All
- Department Statistical/Financial Reports–Sampson
- Old Business
  - 1) Home Care Program analysis and any possible actions/recommendations – All
  - 2) Board of Health Policy Statements – Sampson
  - 3) County Board Program Evaluation – All
  - 4) Update on MCW grant letter of intent/proposal - Sampson
- New Business
  - 1) Report from Reproductive Program audit - 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 April 30, 2013

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the County Board Room at 10:00 AM on May 14, 2013

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

Also: Gretchen Sampson, Julie Krenz, Caralynn Hodgson, Bonnie Leonard, Dana Frey, Chris Cloutier, Rita Bohn, Gerry Cardinal, Lisa Loughlin, Anita Johnson, Tara Kuske, Karen Olson, Sally Christenson, Laurie Whitehead, Kerri Slate, Marci Wicklund  
Gregg Westigard –The Inter-County Leader

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

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

**Public Comment:** Karen Krupa, Program Director for Interfaith Caregivers, was present to express concerns if Home Care closed. Interfaith Caregivers coordinates volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities in Polk County to provide non-medical services, so that these people may remain independent in their own home.

**Motion by Magnafici/Larsen to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2013 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### Monthly Statistical Report

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial data for April 2013.

### Old Business

#### 1) Home Care Analysis

Masters, Larsen and Scoglio along with PCHD staff, met with private Home Care agencies and referral sources on Friday May 10, 2013 to discuss services and caseload capacity. The private agencies were: 1) Interim Healthcare in Hudson 2) Adoray Home Health and Hospice in Baldwin 3) Good Samaritan Society Home Health in St Croix Falls 4) Indianhead Home Health in Siren and the referral sources present were Osceola Medical Center and Amery Regional Medical Center. Sampson distributed notes from this meeting.

Sampson distributed a list of all home care services provided by Polk County (regardless of insurance or ability to pay) as requested from the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sampson also distributed several letters received in response to the meeting of May 10<sup>th</sup> from referral sources unable to attend.

- *Regions Hospital in St Paul expressed concerns that other home care agencies may not be able to absorb all the referrals.*
- *Medical Intensive Care from Regions expressed concern with the long wait lists of other agencies*
- *Osceola Medical Center discharge planner is concerned with timely therapy services.*

Larsen expressed concern for patients with no pay source. Polk County Home Care currently has 3 patients with no capacity to pay. 2-5 is the average number of patients with no pay source at any given time.

Masters pointed out that public health is ranked 39<sup>th</sup> out of 42 on the Report on Program Prioritization in Polk County that was completed by the County Board on April 23, 2013.

Schmidt added that levy dollars are needed in more important areas like highway and protective services.

Frey advised the board to determine the problem with the Home Care program then address a solution.

The primary concerns are charity cases, medication set-up and future clients finding care. A Resolution will be drafted for the June 11, 2013 Board of Health meeting addressing the options of:

1. Closing the Polk County Home Care program
2. Do nothing and continue the Polk County Home Care program
3. Provide Stipends to private agencies for charity cases
4. Design and restructure the current Home Care program

This resolution will be presented to the County Board on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **2) Board of Health Policy Statements**

Sampson is working on the policy statements - more to follow.

## **3) County Board Program Evaluation**

Sampson distributed the Program Prioritization report completed by the County Board. The County Board scored the programs on a five point Likert scale, ranging from critical importance to not important. Frey indicated that the highest ranked programs would have the option of expanding and the lowest ranked programs will be singled out for review.

The evaluation was based on "What do your constituents value in County programs, especially for the future of Polk County?" Hodgson questioned whether board members had held community forums for constituent input.

## **4) Update on MCW Grant Letter of intent/proposal**

The Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program has invited Polk County and its partners to submit a full proposal for the project titled *Polk County Partnership for Children's Mental Health*. The proposal is due by June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

### **1) Report from Reproductive Health Program Audit**

The Division of Public Health Women's Health-Family Planning/Reproductive Health conducted a patient record review on April 30, 2013. The goal of the record review was to identify key strategies for agencies to increase program services. Sampson stated that overall the program was evaluated very positively.

## **Directors Report**

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

Sampson distributed a letter that was sent to President Obama expressing disappointment in the diversion of a significant portion of Prevention and Public Health Funds in 2013. Sampson, on behalf of PCHD, along with many other health related agencies signed this letter.

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

The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services has reactivated the toll-free Dead Bird Reporting Hotline at 1-800-433-1610 to help track the West Nile virus. The hotline can answer questions and provide information on safe handling and disposal. People should not handle dead birds with their bare hands, use gloves or a clean plastic bag. West Nile is spread by infected mosquito. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, so it is important to eliminate standing water around homes and workplaces.

### **3) Agency Update**

Sampson introduced Marci Wicklund as the new Director of Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium.

Schmidt inquired on the smoking ban compliance of local establishments. It has been indicated in the past some establishments continue to violate this ban. Schmidt advised Sampson to draft a letter to local authorities regarding non-compliance.

**Motion by Schmidt/Scoglio to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.**

**The next Board of Health meeting will be June 11, 2013 at 10:00 am.**