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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 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 January 8, 2013 meeting - All
- Department Statistical/Financial Reports (Information only) –Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Preparation for Accreditation Process – Sampson
 - 2) Communicable Disease Update –Leonard
 - 3) Formal Approval of Department’s 2013-16 Strategic Plan – All
 - 4) Community Health Needs Assessment Update - Sampson
- New Business
 - 1) Results of Home Care Program Compliance Survey – Hodgson
 - 2) Strategic Planning for Polk County Coalitions Update- 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 January 8, 2013

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:00 AM on February 12, 2013

Present: Dr. Arne Lagus Rick Scoglio Patricia Schmidt
Tom Magnafici Brian Masters

Also: Gretchen Sampson Suz Thomson Caralynn Hodgson
Bonnie Leonard Lillias Olson

Not Present: Leslie Larsen, Kim Gearin, Julie Krenz

Speaker: Mary Boe

Chairperson Master's called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Scoglio/Magnafici to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Report

Sampson reviewed the agency statistical and financial report for January 2013. The statistical summaries were of December 2012. She went over the budget overview for 2013 and explained that since it is early in the year, grant revenues are lagging.

Old Business

1) Preparation for Accreditation Process

Sampson handed out the Site Visit Agenda, which takes place February 28th and March 1st. She went over the agenda and explained who the Community Partners were and their role in the accreditation site visit process. She asked that the board be present at 10:30 on March 1st for the Governing Entity Meeting. Schmidt, Scoglio and Masters agreed to be there. Sampson said that Gearin intended to be present also. Dr Lagus would attend the Community Partners meeting held prior to the Governing meeting. Sampson said she would inform the County Clerk of the meeting. She asked that the board review the data she gave them at the last meeting. She also mentioned reviewing the Wisconsin State Statutes regarding Boards of Health that are outlined in the orientation binder given to all the board members.

2) Communicable Disease Update

Leonard discussed the influenza cases in Polk County. Polk had 10 cases that required hospitalization: most of them were the elderly. The first known case that required hospitalization was in November, with the last known hospitalization being January 30th.

She believes influenza has peaked. She explained how the health department monitors the schools on a weekly basis by being in touch with each school once a week for reports on absenteeism. Polk's school absenteeism corresponded with the influenza outbreak this year. Leonard also discussed Pertussis. Polk County's first known case was in July with the last confirmed case in December: 403 cases were investigated, 23 confirmed, 14 cases probable, 20 were suspect and 173 were not cases. Leonard explained how much time it takes to follow up on the cases, and to process all the data that needs to be done on communicable disease cases.

3) Formal Approval of Department's 2013-2016 Strategic Plan

Sampson requested that the Board formally move to support and endorse the agency strategic plan.

Motion by Schmidt/Lagus to support and endorse 2013-2016 Strategic Plan.

All in favor. Motion carried.

4) Community Health Needs Assessment Update

Sampson asked the board if they would be interested in seeing the Overview of the County Health Assessment that was shown to the Community Health Needs Assessment Partner meeting held February 11th in Dresser. Schmidt attended the meeting and felt it was very informative, and would be of interest to the board. The presentation was reviewed with the Board.

New Business

1) Results of Home Care Program Compliance Survey

Hodgson reported on the recent Home Care compliance survey/audit. She indicated that these happen every 3 years. She was extremely pleased with the results of the survey. The program was given one citation that dealt with documenting orders and would not result in a fine. She extended gratitude and praise to her staff for a job well done. She also recognized her program assistant Rita Bohn, for taking on extra work with the medical records after the elimination of that position. The board congratulated Hodgson and her staff.

2) Strategic Planning for Polk County Coalitions Update

Mary Boe gave an update on the Healthy Polk County Coalition strategic planning process. This involves representatives from 3 county coalitions who work on health related issues. She said it is a 5 year plan and vision. The purpose is to engage stakeholders who will take collaborative action to create a healthier Polk County. They are working to get more community involvement. The goals are to establish a sustainable coalition structure that centralizes and focuses on health improvement efforts countywide.

Directors Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

Governor Scott Walker's office announced a mental health funding package that the Governor will include in his 2013-2015 state budget bill. \$28.9 million will be used in investments in mental health.

2) Public Health Research:

Sampson handed out an article regarding the Lyme Culture Test that is being done. There is controversy as to the commercialization of the still un-validated test. Dr Lagus indicated that lab tests alone are not valid, but rather a physician needs to also look for clinical signs and symptoms. This disease continues to evolve.

3) Agency Update

Sampson reported that Brian Kaczmarek who is the Director of Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium is resigning. He has been recruited to by the State Public Health Preparedness Program. Sampson indicated that they will be looking for a replacement. Brian will be greatly missed by the Health Department.

Dr Lagus thanked Bonnie Leonard for her presentation on communicable disease in Polk County at the Rotary meeting held in St Croix Falls. He very much appreciated it and said it was well received.

Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

The next Board of Health meeting will be March 12, 2013 at 10:00 am.