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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 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 May 14, 2013 meeting - All
- Department Statistical/Financial Reports (information only)–Sampson
- Old Business
 - 1) Agency accreditation status update – Sampson
 - 2) Home Care Program draft resolution: actions/recommendations – Frey/All
 - 3) Board of Health Policy Statements – Sampson
 - 4) Results from Immunization Program Audit – Sampson
 - 5) Communicable Disease Update - Leonard
- New Business
 - 1) 2014 Department Budget – Preliminary Discussion – All
 - 2) 2012 Department Annual Report – 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 May 14, 2013

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the County Board Room at 10:00 AM on June 11, 2013

Present: Rick Scoglio, Patricia Schmidt, Leslie Larsen, Brian Masters, Dr. Arne Lagus
Not Present: Kim Gearin, Tom Magnafici

Also: Gretchen Sampson, Julie Krenz, Caralynn Hodgson, Bonnie Leonard, Dana Frey, Anita Johnson, Tara Kuske, Sally Christenson, Laurie Whitehead, Gail Peterson, Chelsey Turner (AHEC Intern), Jeff Fuge

Public: Gregg Westigard –The Inter-County Leader, Dora May Tetzlaff and Pastor Andrew Tetzlaff, John Bonneprise, Marlene Denissen

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

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

Masters reiterated Administrator Frey's letter that stated home care services will not be cut and that all current clients will still be served.

Public Comment:

- Pastor Andrew Tetzlaff spoke as a current home care client. He praised Polk County's Home Care staff as he receives medication set-up and is very worried he will no longer receive this care and it's because of home care that he is still in his home.
- Marlene Denissen, also a current home care client expressed concern and anxiety about losing care and fear of private agencies not taking patients as they have indicated.
- John Bonneprise, former county board member, expressed what a great program Polk County has with remarkable service and he has no doubt that the private agencies will not be able or willing to pick up all future clients.

Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Report

Sampson distributed the revised April 2013 financial and statistical reports for review.

Old Business

1) Agency Accreditation Status Update

Polk County Health Department has officially been accredited! We are 1 of 14 health departments in the United States to achieve accreditation. There is a tentative celebration planned for Tuesday July 16th, 2013, more to follow.

Sampson shared a congratulatory letter received from NACCHO. The Health Department would like to thank all staff for their time and effort, the board for their support and the

community partners for all their support. Schmidt added how proud she is of the health department for achieving accreditation.

2) Home Care Analysis

Sampson distributed a packet from County Board Chair William Johnson of all the letters he has received from concerned citizens regarding the Home Care program.

Administrator Frey distributed the Resolution to Phase-Out the Polk County Home Care Program stating that the resolution only listed the option to close, because he received no input for restructure suggestions.

Larsen questioned why the resolution did not include other options as agreed upon in the May 2013 meeting. Larsen stressed that there is still a need for the program; the need is charity care, medication set-up and personal care. Current patients will not lose care but what about future clients?

Schmidt asked if other counties that have closed have patients not getting care. Hodgson and Sampson stated that yes we get calls from other counties from referral sources that can't find care for some patients. Schmidt asked if the health department would be monitoring this if Home Care closed, Sampson stated that she would need to add resources to accomplish this.

Dr. Lagus stated that 100,000 people are losing Medicaid statewide because of the poverty level changes for eligibility. This reduction in Medicaid coverage would have a big impact on Polk County. Also with nursing homes reducing their number of beds this may cause problems for citizens needing long term care.

Frey stated that half of the remaining counties that provide home care do not use any tax levy money for their home care program. Hodgson stated that Dunn County Home Care does not get levy dollars at budget time, but if they sustain a loss in any given year the county then covers this loss with tax levy dollars. Hodgson's contact at Dunn County informed her that 2011 was a difficult year for them as it was for Polk County and they required \$100,000 tax levy to cover their losses that year. Dunn County Home Care does not provide personal care services which allow them a bit more flexibility in controlling losses from year to year. Personal care has been Polk County's loss leader but it is also the main service needed.

Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to accept the resolution to phase out Home Care and bring forward to County Board at the July 16th meeting. Motion carried on 3-2 vote.

Accepted: Masters, Scoglio, Schmidt

Opposed: Larsen, Lagus

3) Board of Health Policy Statements

Sampson distributed a draft policy statement on the support of fluoridation. Sampson will add the cost savings and the economic impact of fluoridation and bring it back to the board next month.

4) Results from the Immunization Program Audit

The Health Department had a site visit from James Zanto, Division of Public Health, Eau Claire Western Regional Office on May 28, 2013 to assess the Vaccine for Children program. PCHD met all of the criteria and no recommendations were made for improvement. There are still concerns with the percentage of 2 year olds who are not meeting benchmark immunization requirements.

5) Communicable Disease

H3N2V, a mild influenza, is a concern with summer fairs and festivals approaching. Precautions are being taken by the fair board to reduce transmission.

The last reported case of H7N9, the bird flu in China, was May 31, 2013.

MERS-CoV, a coronavirus has been detected as transmitting person-to-person. Of 55 cases, 31 were fatal. No cases have been reported in the United States.

New Business

1) 2014 Department Budget

Sampson will have a preliminary budget ready for the August Board of Health meeting.

2) 2012 Department Annual Report

Sampson distributed the PCHD 2012 Annual Report for review.

Directors Report

1) Public Health Legislative Updates:

None scheduled.

2) Public Health Research:

Sampson stated that the county has been contacted by Pro-Act, a drug-discount program. They will be sending out a mailing to all residents. PCHD has researched the program, it is legitimate and there is no cost to the county.

3) Agency Update

Gerry Cardinal, RN for Home Care is retiring July 2nd after 33 years of service. Motion by Schmidt/Masters to commend Gerry for the many years of great service and dedication he has provided to county residents.

Motion by Scoglio/Lagus to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

The next Board of Health meeting is tentatively set for July 16, 2013 at 10:00 am. Sampson will follow up to confirm date.