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## **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 10, 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 November 12, 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) Communicable Disease Update - Leonard
- New Business
  - 1) Presentation on Life Course Model of Service - Leonard
  - 2) Results of BOH satisfaction survey/Annual BOH Accomplishments – Sampson
  - 3) Public Health Preparedness Consortium Update – 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 November 12, 2013

**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
December 10, 2013**

The Board of Health met in conference rooms A&B of the Polk County Health Department

**Present:** Brian Masters, Tom Magnafici, Pat Schmidt, Rick Scoglio, Erica Kamish, Dr. Arne Lagus

**Also:** Gretchen Sampson, Caralynn Hodgson, Bonnie Leonard, Gregg Westigard

Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion by Schmidt/Magnafici to approve the minutes from November 12, 2013 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Monthly Department Statistical/Financial Reports - Sampson**

Sampson distributed the statistical and financial reports for review and highlighted areas of note.

**Old Business**

**1. Update on Home Care Program Closeout Process – Sampson/Hodgson**

Hodgson shared and explained an updated document of closeout process. 98.4% of the original 64 clients remaining on the caseload as of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 have been transitioned to other providers and care options. Only one client remains on service, but will likely be discharged this week. All staff have received lay-off notices effective December 31, 2013. Sampson noted that between now and the end of the year work will focus on completing records for discharged clients in compliance with State and Federal regulations. Sampson and Board of Health thanked Hodgson and the Home Care staff for their work on behalf of the Home Care Program and the manner in which they've handled the transition process.

**2. Update on Affordable Care Act Implementation**

Sampson reported that ninety eight (98) people have been served and/or enrolled in the Health Insurance Marketplace with assistance from the Health Department's Certified Application Counselors (CACs). It takes 1.25 hours to complete an enrollment using the website; 2 hours to do a paper application. The website function has drastically improved.

**3. Communicable Disease Update**

Leonard reviewed communicable disease statistics from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup> of this year. Chlamydia continues to be frequently reported. Three cases of Gonorrhea have occurred this year which is unusual. Tick-borne diseases continue to be prevalent. Dr. Lagus noted that the number of Lyme cases is much higher than what has been reported. Leonard

advised that providers are required to report only those cases of Lyme disease that have presented with an erythema migrans rash. The number of cases of Lyme disease reported to the Health Department has decreased since the reporting requirements were revised. Chickenpox is reportable, shingles is not. Discussion regarding zoster virus vaccine to prevent shingles. Hepatitis cases remain steady. New recommendations from the Centers for Disease control suggest that all individuals 50 years and older should be tested for Hepatitis C. Sampson shared an article on the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and the linkage between STIs and HIV. STI screening, early intervention, counseling and education are critical in the reduction and prevention efforts.

## **New Business**

### **1. Presentation on Life Course Model of Health**

Leonard presented an overview of the Life Course Model which focuses on health across the lifespan and recognizes how the effects of adverse childhood events and the social determinants of health impact an individual's health throughout their lives. The key concept is the importance of early intervention and prevention during critical times in a person's development such as infancy, early childhood, adolescence and pregnancy.

### **2. Results of Board of Health Satisfaction Survey/Annual BOH Accomplishments**

Sampson reviewed the results of the online BOH satisfaction survey completed by five members of the board. Questions included member's satisfaction with BOH meetings, their understanding of their role as BOH members, the relationship with the agency and the orientation they received to the BOH. Annual BOH accomplishments ranging from policy development at the agency and community level, community health assessment and improvement planning, agency strategic planning, agency program review, close of the Home Care Program, and agency national accreditation.

### **3. Public Health Preparedness Consortium Update - Sampson**

There have been separate preparedness consortia for hospitals and health departments. Wisconsin is looking at moving the preparedness focus for hospitals from planning and response equipment to "healthcare preparedness" which addresses response and recovery, broadening their healthcare partnerships at the local and regional level, and developing a "whole community" approach. Polk County Health Department and Emergency Management will continue to work with the hospitals in efforts to coordinate and collaborate. There will be more information on the new healthcare coalition model as the state reorganizes the hospital preparedness program.

## **Director's Report**

### **1. Public Health Legislative Updates – None**

### **2. Public Health Research – See notes under communicable disease on the article on HIV and STI prevention Sampson presented.**

### **3. Agency Updates - Sampson**

Two staff have resigned from the Health Department: Cortney Draxler, Public Health Specialist and Marci Wicklund, Preparedness Consortium Director. We wish them well in their new endeavors. Their positions are being advertised.

#### **Board Members Comments/Observations**

Schmidt shared information about an article in the **Wisconsin Counties** magazine. The article highlights the legislation introduced by State Representative Eric Severson to increase mental health services and promote education of child psychiatrists in Wisconsin. Scoglio and Lagus again thanked the home care staff for their professionalism in closing the home care program and being creative in finding new homes for their clients.

**Motion by Scoglio/Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.**

Next Meeting: January meeting is tentative based on agenda items that need to be addressed. Sampson will let BOH know nearer to the January 14 date.