



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kraft at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Kraft, Supervisor Bostwick (left at 7:00 pm), Supervisor Peer, Supervisor Garrett, and Ms. Wade.

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Peterson, Dr. Konkol, Dr. Winter, and Mr. Gresens.

Staff Members Present: Marie-Noel Sandoval – Health Officer; Dave Pluymers – Assistant Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Deborah Erickson – Public Health Nursing Supervisor; Sancee Siebold – Public Health Nursing Supervisor South Office; Kelly Klingensmith – Community Health Education Coordinator; Hannah Cavey – Intern; Meghan Beggs – Intern; and Jessica Riedlinger – Administrative Secretary.

Others Present: Russ Podzilni – County Board Chair

Adopt Agenda

Item 5.A.(3) Yellow Fever Vaccine Fee Change was deleted from the agenda.

Supervisor Bostwick made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Ms. Wade seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 11/2/16

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/2/16 Board of Health meeting. Ms. Wade seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

None at this time.

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's bills for the month of November in the amount of \$15,498.09.

Chair Kraft asked about the Admin Expense for Lands' End Business Outfitters. Ms. Sandoval responded that these are long sleeved shirts and fleece purchased from the Preparedness Grant funds. They were preapproved by the State to increase awareness of the Health Department.

Health Department Report

In the News

Ms. Sandoval reported that there has been an increase in mumps nationally. Approximately 1,000 cases are reported each year in the United States. A third dose of the vaccine is being recommended for healthcare workers and travelers. There have been three suspected cases tested in Rock County. All have been ruled out. Supervisor Peer asked if the weather pattern affects the number of cases. Ms. Sandoval replied that when the weather is cold, people tend to remain inside in close spaces making transmission more likely.

Ms. Sandoval stated that there has been a recent television ad campaign for Hepatitis C targeting people in the Baby Boomer generation. She said there are approximately 10 cases reported each month in Rock County.

Surveillance

STI's are on an upward trend according to Ms. Sandoval. There were approximately 8 cases per month reported last year. This year there has been an average of 9 cases reported each month.

Ms. Erickson reported that there have not been very many cases of the flu so far this year. The numbers are below what they were last year. The flu season lasts from November to March.

Ms. Sandoval relayed that there has been a case of Equine Influenza in Rock County. The horse was purchased from KY and kept separate from the other horses. The workers have been monitored, but exhibit no symptoms.

Rock County has had its first confirmed West Nile Virus death according to Ms. Sandoval. A press release was sent out to the local media.

Ms. Sandoval relayed that another press release was sent out with advice on how to avoid Zika Virus and other illnesses while traveling. Rock County has had a second suspected case of Zika reported. The virus has not been confirmed yet. The patient is someone who traveled to Miami.

Community Events / Outreach

Ms. Sandoval told the Board that the Public Health Interns will be presenting on two community outreach projects.

According to Ms. Sandoval, the Public Health Department was asked by the Town of Edgerton to create a sharps collection program. Mr. Pluymers gave a program overview. The Public Health department contacted several community partners and scheduled a meeting for December 13th to assess the need for a sharps collection program. The local fire & police departments have indicated that they are willing to help. Health Department employees will be making calls to pharmacies in the area to determine the interest and capacity for collecting sharps. Chair Kraft asked if the Health Department has a way to dispose of the sharps. Mr. Pluymers and Mr. Wiertsen replied that sharps are collected by hazardous waste companies. There will be some cost involved. The Health Department is hopeful that partners will step up to help with the costs.

Ms. Sandoval announced that the Community Health Needs Assessment group has been renamed Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR). The Board will be hearing a report on the next health assessment in March.

Strategic Planning

Ms. Sandoval reported that the Public Health Department has started to wrap up ideas for strategic planning. A presentation for the Board will hopefully occur in February.

Budget

Ms. Sandoval stated that she is starting to look at year-to-date numbers. The Public Health Department will remain well within budget for the year.

Personnel

Ms. Sandoval informed the Board that the change to the Fair Labor Act has been rescinded. Any changes that were planned for the Rock County employees will be on hold.

Ms. Sandoval announced that Rick Wietersen was named the new Environmental Health Director. Mr. Wietersen introduced himself to the Board members. He has over 25 years of experience in the environmental field. He has been with the Rock County Public Health Department for 16 years. In that time, he has worked with most of the programs including groundwater and emergency management. He has been the lab manager for well water testing. Mr. Wietersen stated that Mr. Banwell has left things in good position to move forward. Upcoming projects include 208 water quality planning, new prescription grant for 2017, and possible FDA grants for training and assessment of the food program. The Health Department will be hiring an Environmental Health Supervisor and filling an open Sanitarian position. Mr. Wietersen is excited to move forward

Ms. Sandoval told the Board that the Environmental Health Supervisor position has closed. The Health Department received four applicants.

Mr. Pluymers reported on the progress of the employee engagement survey. Rock County asked each department to choose two areas from the countywide survey to work on. The Public Health Department discussed the survey in staff meetings. Mr. Pluymers said that a feedback survey that was conducted within the Public Health Department received a 71% response rate. The feedback survey identified three areas that the employees were interested in working on. The three areas were improving communication, increasing trust between staff and supervisors, and improving workplace flexibility. The department created logic models and explored ideas for activities. Small focus group meetings were offered and 19 staff members have participated so far. The last focus group meeting is on Friday. In the small groups, employees discussed activities and strategies to work toward outcomes. Management has gotten together to discuss what they can do and will now turn it over to staff to determine what they can do to improve communication & trust.

Ms. Sandoval told the Board members that the annual staff retreat was recently held at Rock Haven. Josh Smith gave a welcome speech followed by a workshop conducted by UW-Extension. Staff also participated in a teambuilding activity in which they created a work of art consisting of 12 canvases.

Resolution – Accepting Asthma Capacity Program Grant Amendment to the Consolidated Contracts and Amending the 2016 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2016 does hereby authorize the Rock County Health Department to accept this Consolidated Contract amendment in the amount of \$23,000, and amend the 2016 Rock County Public Health Department Budget as follows:

Account/Description	Budget 1/1/16	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
31-3033-2016-42100			
Contributions	10,000	\$23,000	\$33,000
Use of Funds			
31-3033-2016-63110			
Administrative Expense	10,000	\$23,000	\$33,000

Chair Kraft asked if the Health Department has a specific idea in mind of how they will spend the money. Ms. Sandoval replied that there was a work plan given to the Health Department. This grant is part of a bigger project. Ms. Erickson explained that the grant was initially awarded to the three counties in WI that were most in need. Rock County was number four. The money will be used to accept and follow up on referrals from ERs and physicians regarding uncontrolled asthma cases. The Health Department will look for triggers in homes and form an action plan with the client's doctor. Supervisor Garrett asked what the target numbers are. Ms. Erickson replied that the requirement is low. The Health Department is required to follow up on ten cases this year. Other counties have had trouble getting hospitals on board for referrals. Ms. Erickson feels that the Rock County Public Health Department has good connections with the hospitals in the area. She is hopeful that they will be willing to refer clients. Chair Kraft asked why Rock County was identified as having a need in this area. Ms. Erickson replied that many people in Rock County are not connected to a regular physician and instead use the ER for crisis situations.

Ms. Wade made a motion to approve the resolution. Supervisor Garrett seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Public Health Fall Intern Report

The Public Health Department's fall interns introduced themselves. Hannah Cavey is a senior at UW-Whitewater studying sociology. Her intern consisted of 20 hours per week. Meghan Beggs is a student at Edgewood College. She is a Psychology Major. Her internship consisted of 60 hours total over the course of the semester. Ms. Klingensmith gave the Board members a brief description of the projects that the fall interns worked on.

Close the Door to Cancer - HPV

Ms. Beggs did a PowerPoint presentation for the Board members:

HPV Vaccine: Cancer Prevention

- Healthy People 2020 Goal
 - "Increase the vaccination coverage levels to 80% for HPV vaccine series completion by age 13 to 15 years."
- Background on HPV
 - HPV: human papillomavirus
 - Group of more than 150 related viruses. There are more than 40 HPV types that can infect the genital areas of males and females
 - Some types of HPV can lead to cancer
 - HPV presents no signs or symptoms even if cancer is present
 - HPV and Cancer
 - Cervical cancer is the most common type of cancer caused by HPV
 - Other HPV cancers: vulvar, vaginal, penile, anal, and cancer of the back of the throat

- How Common is HPV Cancer?
 - Around 79 million Americans are currently infected with HPV
 - 14 million are newly infected each year
 - HPV infections clear within 1-2 years, persistent infections can progress to cancer
 - 38,793 HPV-associated cancers occur in the United States each year
- Vaccine Rates
 - Percentages of adolescents and adults who have received all three doses
 - Nationwide
 - 21.6% of adolescent males and 39.7% of adolescent females
 - Wisconsin
 - 2.5 in 10 males and 4 in 10 females
 - 26.1% of adolescents aged 13-18
 - 21.6% of adults aged 19-26
 - Rock County
 - 19.5% of adolescents aged 13-18
 - 18.2% of adults aged 19-26
 - CDC message examples
 - Television commercial
 - Infographic
 - Posters
 - Rock County Public Health Department attended events to create awareness
 - World Aids Day – Beloit College
 - Blackhawk Technical College
- Future Steps
 - Healthful Hints article
 - Immunization Coalition
 - Passing on the message to friends and family

The Board members discussed how HPV affects males as well as females. Ms. Erickson stated that it was initially presented as an STI which created a stigma. It is now being marketed as cancer prevention. Ms. Garrett asked Ms. Beggs how she chose the age category to target. Ms. Beggs replied that many adolescents start the vaccine series, but don't finish, so college students were a good target group. Ms. Klingensmith added that there was a lot of good discussion at the events that they attended. Ms. Klingensmith also said that the Health Department often starts adolescents on the series during school immunizations, and wants to make sure they finish the series. Ms. Wade commented that this vaccine is not mandated yet and numbers would improve if it was.

Lead Free Kids Awareness Campaign

Ms. Cavey did a PowerPoint presentation for the Board members:

Lead Free Kids for a Healthy Rock County

- Critical Components
 - Summer Intern, Selene Castrucci
 - History of lead in U.S. and Rock County
 - Impact on human health
 - Currently implemented programs
 - Available opportunities

- History
 - U.S.
 - Lead paint was used due to its durability. Publications in the late 1880's and early 1900's label lead paint as poisonous.
 - U.S. was one of the last first-world countries to ban lead use in lead based paints, gasoline, and certain household products.
 - Rock County
 - More than 40,000 homes in Rock County have been exposed to lead.
 - Urban and rural homes most significantly impacted.
 - Rock County's largest source: paint (chips, dust).
 - Highest concentration near old window sills, porches and exposed dirt.
 - Blood lead level distribution
 - Beloit 45%
 - Janesville 32%
 - Edgerton 9%
 - Orfordville 5%
 - Janesville Township 5%
 - Evansville 4%
- Health Impacts
 - 3 layers of impact
 - Immediate individual health effects
 - Learning disability: ADHD
 - Damage to brain potentially causing speech delays
 - Lowered IQ scores
 - Behavioral problems: inattention, impulsiveness, aggression
 - Potential kidney damage
 - Delayed puberty
 - Future impact on the individual
 - Academic failure due to learning difficulties and behavioral problems
 - More difficult time obtaining/keeping jobs
 - Higher likelihood of crime in later adulthood
 - Harder time socializing, making decisions
 - Prolonged health problems due to previous damage
 - Future societal costs
 - Higher cost to healthcare from excess use of services
 - Potential higher need for special education
 - Criminal/Juvenile system experience heavy intake
 - Less qualified job candidates, more unemployment
- Currently Implemented Programs
 - Lead screenings for children age 1-6
 - Environmental hazard assessments (provide prevention education, identify hazards, assist in removal)
 - Case management (team of public health nurses and sanitarians for high lead level cases)
 - HUD grant, ending soon
- Lead Free Kids for a Healthy Rock County
 - Art contest inspired by Los Angeles County Lead Awareness Art Contest

- Implemented through local public libraries
- Educational materials created
- Promoted on social media
- Library visits
- Artwork submissions – 20
- Program Evaluation
 - Measurements of success
 - Library participation
 - Artwork submissions
- Suggestions/Feedback
 - More time for promotion
 - Summer program – more kids at the library
 - School/classroom format
 - Coloring sheets
 - Community knowledge
 - Final takeaways
 - Future steps

Communications and Announcements

None at this time.

Adjournment

Supervisor Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wade seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Riedlinger, Recorder

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