

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:15 AM on April 13, 2010.

Present: Neil Johnson Rick Scoglio Wanda Johnson
Dr. Arne Lagus Bob Dueholm Jim Edgell

Absent: Gary Bergstrom

Also

Present: Gretchen Sampson Carolyn Griffin Caralynn Hodgson

Gretchen Sampson and Kari Flom presented Supervisor Bob Dueholm with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service with the Health Department and Aging Department Boards.

Chairman Neil Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:15AM.

Motion by Edgell/Dr. Lagus to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Scoglio, Edgell to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Bills Review

Sampson handed out the list of bills for review and answered any questions.

Motion by Dueholm/W. Johnson to approve the bills in the amount of \$26,050.86. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Reports

Sampson reviewed the March Public Health programs budget overview report as well as the February statistical reports for the Public Health programs. Sampson stated there are less Birth to Three visits this year due to not filling the occupational therapist position, but rather contracting for those services. Sampson also reviewed the Home Care Program statistical, revenue and expenses report. Caralynn Hodgson, Home Care Supervisor, also addressed the Board regarding home care referrals of people that decide they do not want home care services but rather care for their family members themselves. Hodgson's feeling is that this is due to an independent baby boomer generation.

Motion by Dr. Lagus/Dueholm to approve the statistical reports for the Department. All in favor. Motion carried.

Out of County Meetings

Sampson reviewed the out of county meetings for the rest of April and May. There are numerous drill exercises and site visits to consortium counties for the Preparedness staff in the next several weeks.

Chairman Johnson commented he did not agree with staff from the same program traveling to the same meetings. Sampson stated that some of these meetings provide continuing education credits (CEU's) for staff to maintain their required certification for their positions but understood Johnson's concern.

Old Business County Health Rankings

Sampson handed out the 2010 County Health Rankings published by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The report ranks Wisconsin counties according to their summary measures of health outcomes and health factors which include four categories of health behaviors; clinical care, social and economic factors and physical environment.

Update on Raw Milk Legislation

Sampson handed out a memo outlining amendments to the bill on this legislation that has not been voted on yet. The amendment calls for interim registration by farmers selling raw milk, sales limitations; monthly testing; records of sale taking daily samples for freezing. Basically Sampson disagrees with the bill but feels amendments have improved it and added health protection measures and it will likely pass.

Update on Legislative Breakfast

Sampson stated Wisconsin's new legislation for smoke free restaurants will be effective July 5, 2010. There is a website available for education of restaurant employees which is **WibetterSmokefree.com**. Community Board of Health members Dr. Arne Lagus and Wanda Johnson attended the Legislative Breakfast.

New Business New Deputing Administrator State Division of Public Health

Sampson distributed an email received from the State Health Officer announcing the selection of Sandra Breitborde as the new Deputy Administrator of DPH.

Upcoming BOH Training/Orientation

Sampson handed out a save the date notification of a training for Board of Health members in Eau Claire on June 4, 2010. A detailed agenda will be forwarded when available.

Agency Participation in Chlamydia Screening Project

Sampson talked about a screening project for rural clinics that Polk County Reproductive Health is participating in as well as St Croix, Pierce and Oneida counties. The purpose of this project is to determine if criteria for testing should be expanded. The focus will be on clients who have new partners in the last 90 days.

New fees for Home Health Survey Follow-up

Caralynn Hodgson, Home Care Supervisor talked about the implementation of a revisit fee for state surveys. If the surveyor has to return to an agency for follow-up of violations, they may be assessed a \$200.00 inspection fee.

Director's Report

Public Health Legislative Updates

Sampson distributed a NACCHO summary document on public health funding in the Federal final health reform bill

Agency Updates

Laura Jurek has been hired as the .5FTE Health Educator in the Tobacco Program

Sampson was on the selection committee in the County Administrator hiring process and feels the candidate selected, Dana Frey, was very qualified and will bring good experience to the position.

Sampson distributed a memo from the State Health Officer and Administrator recertifying Polk County Health Department as a Level III Health Department through the process of HFS 140 Review.

Sampson thanked the Board members for serving the last two years.

Motion by Edgell/Dueholm to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.

The next Board of Health meeting will be May 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

