

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Polk County Board of Health met in the conference room of the Health Department at 10:00 AM on June 8, 2010.

Present: Dr. Arne Lagus Rick Scoglio Patricia Schmidt
Kristine Kremer-Hartung Wanda Johnson Harry Johansen
Warren Nelson

Also: Gretchen Sampson Carolyn Griffin Caralynn Hodgson
Laura Jurek Suz Thomsen Mary Boe
Dana Frey, County Administrator

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order. Chairman Schmidt added introductions to the agenda. Gretchen Sampson also added an agenda item regarding jail health under New Business.

Motion by Johansen/Hartung to approve agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Johansen/Hartung to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2010 Board of Health meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Bill Review

Sampson reviewed the list of bills and answered any questions.

Motion by Scoglio/Dr. Lagus to approve the bills in the amount of \$51,482.82. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Statistical Reports

Sampson reviewed the Budget Overview Report for May for the Public Health Programs as well as the April statistical reports for Public Health programs including communicable disease and animal bites. Budgets are on track with some lagging revenue due to billing. She also reviewed the Home Care Program statistical, revenue and expense reports for April.

Motion by Scoglio/Dr. Lagus to approve the statistical reports. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmidt talked about a dog deterrent device purchased by the Safety Committee that works well and referred to the three dog bites reported for May. Caralynn Hodgson, Home Care Supervisor stated the Home Care staff was given one of these units for staff going on home visits to patients with dogs and has been very successful in avoiding any dog bite mishaps for staff. Sampson will get some additional information on these units for the July meeting.

Out of County Meetings

Sampson reviewed the list of out of county meetings and trainings for June and into July.

Motion by Dr. Lagus/Johansen to approve the out of county travel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Update on Raw Milk Legislation

Governor Doyle vetoed Wisconsin Senate Bill 434 on the sale of unpasteurized milk. Sampson handed out the Governor's memo which acknowledged the unanimous opposition to this Bill by many groups such as the Wisconsin Public Health Association, the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards, Marshfield Clinic, etc.

Report on BOH Training

Warren Nelson reported the presenters were on schedule, well prepared and competent. He stated the training was very beneficial. Chairman Schmidt stated it was a good presentation and was interested in the voluntary accreditation process and thought it was a good idea. Sampson stated that Polk County has already started the accreditation process.

New Business

Survey of the Health of Wisconsin project

Sampson passed around some information on the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin project (SHOW) that is a research project sponsored by UW Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. This project aims to annually survey people to examine the health of the population and communities within Wisconsin. The survey consists of randomly selecting 1,000 households and conducting surveys on a variety of health related areas as well as obtaining some lab results from these individuals as part of this research. Polk County is being surveyed in June.

Tobacco Program Update

Mary Boe, Tobacco Control Coordinator, talked about the current structure of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Multi-Jurisdiction Coalitions (MJC) in Wisconsin. There has been a 55% budget cut in tobacco funding and the number of coalitions in the state has gone from 42 separate coalitions to 15 multi-jurisdiction coalitions. Polk County is the lead agency for a MJC Tobacco Coalition that includes the following counties: Burnett, St. Croix, Pierce and Rusk. The focus of work is on youth prevention. There will be 66 scheduled vendor compliance checks for tobacco sales to minors this year. Mary handed out information on Wisconsin's statewide smoke-free air law that is effective July 5, 2010.

Sampson stated that the Corporation Counsel is in the process of drafting a new local ordinance incorporating Wisconsin's smoke free air law.

Laura Jurek, Tobacco Control Specialist, reviewed the MJC Coalition website which is www.w3tfl.org.

Jail Health

Sampson notified the Board that the current physician who is the medical advisor for the jail health program is resigning effective August 1, 2010. The medical advisor signs standing orders, consults with the jail nurse and also sees inmates when necessary. The Health Department has provided nursing services to the jail since 1978. The medical advisor has never received compensation for services.

Sampson will explore a compensation package for a medical advisor which would include a stipend and paid liability insurance from the county. Sampson will put this issue on the Board of Health agenda for July.

Director's Report

Sampson distributed some Wisconsin Public Health Association resolutions supporting initiatives for Achieving Health Equity, Increased Public Health Funding for Wisconsin and Benefits of Prevention-based Programs and Policies.

Sampson also handed out an article from the New England Journal of Medicine entitled "Why We Don't Spend Enough on Public Health and also a handout of new committee members for Polk County government.

Dr. Lagus asked what the Family Planning Waiver for men included. Sampson stated it covers STD testing and condoms. Dr. Lagus also asked about qualifications for School Nurses. Sampson stated they need to have a BSN.

Sampson also said that on line training will be required for administering medications in the school setting.

Discussion about the Rural Health Dental Clinic. Currently a hygienist comes to the Health Department twice a month for services for low-income Medicaid families. Funding is not available to have a dentist. Sampson will gather information on this issue for the July meeting for discussion.

Rick Scoglio thanked Carolyn Griffin for her years of service to Polk County.

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

The next Board of Health meeting will be at 10:00 AM on July 13, 2010.