

MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 4, 2015

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

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Kraft, Supervisor Peer, Supervisor Addie, Supervisor Bostwick (left at 7:00 PM), Dr. Konkol. Mr. Gresens, R.PH, Dr Peterson, and Ms. Wade, WHNP

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Winter

Staff Members Present: Karen Cain-Health Officer; Tim Banwell-Environmental Health Director; Janet Zoellner – Public Health Nursing Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; Deborah Erickson – Nursing Supervisor North Office; Elizabeth LaBelle-Administrative Secretary

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes 2/4/15

Supervisor Peer and Dr. Konkol made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/4/15 Board of Health meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

None at this time.

Unfinished Business

None at this time.

New Business

Semi-Annual Out of County Education Training

This is for informational purposes only. Three staff members attended an out of County education training in October 2014. All expenses were covered from the Brownfield Grant.

Administrative Division

Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds/ Pre-Approved Encumbrance

Mr. Gresens and Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the bills for February 2015 and Transfer of Funds. MOTION APPROVED.

There were no questions on transfer of funds or bills.

Health Department Report

Health Officer Cain provided an update on Medicare reimbursement for 2014. The Health Department budgeted \$10,000 for 2014. As of 12/31/14, Medicare revenue came in at \$33,000. The additional revenue can be attributed to streamlining the billing process and becoming credentialed by insurance HMOs for Medicare Advantage and/or Medicare Supplement plans. Administrative Secretary, Elizabeth LaBelle, implemented and trained staff on Transact RX, our Medicare billing provider. Elizabeth also worked with HMOs and Medicare to follow up on claims and maintain or establish credentialed status. Medicaid billing is the next area that is going to be streamlined.

Health Officer Cain shared a letter from Edgerton School District Health Educator, Alison Chouinard, received thanking her for her Farm2School efforts at Edgerton Community Elementary. The letter included successes from the program and plans for this year.

Health Officer Cain informed the board that the Friends of Noah Janesville rabies clinic will not be held until this fall. Last year, the event took place in April.

A unanimous decision was made by the Board of Health to receive press releases prior to sending to the media. Regularly scheduled Immunization clinic PSA will not be sent to the Board of Health prior to media.

Two town hall sampling programs are scheduled for this spring, the Town of Fulton and Town of Beloit. Town of Beloit bottle pick up is tonight (3/4/15). The goal is 50 samples and the township is paying for the sampling to encourage their citizens to take advantage of this sampling program. Town of Fulton event is scheduled for April 9. Supervisor Peer stated that the sewer and waterlines are being expanded and that problems with high nitrates allows for qualification of low interest loans. Supervisor Addie asked what the target contaminants are in this sampling. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated targeted contaminants are bacteria and nitrates. Chair Kraft inquired if bottles will be available for pickup at the April 7. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated that yes, bottles will be available at the election on April 7 and signs will be displayed for citizens.

Health Officer Cain announced the CDC will be releasing 2.5 million to the State of Wisconsin for Ebola planning. Rock County is expected to receive approximately \$20-\$40,000. The planning funds can be expanded into other areas of communicable diseases. Rock County is still waiting to find out the funds we will receive. Health Officer Cain explained that as a Health Department, we are mandated to do communicable disease follow up by the State and CDC and at this time do not receive money to cover this expense.

Health Officer Cain shared with the board that on May 12, 2015 the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) committee will be meeting with 60 different organizations that are involved with health fairs working with targeted population. CHNA will be working with the organizations to impact priority health needs. Priority health needs identified include: mental health, dental, preventative screening, and lifestyle. The Affordable Care Act mandates hospitals to work on a problem/health need in their community in addition to the CHNA priority needs.

Nursing Supervisor, Deb Erickson, reported an update on follow-up the Health Department conducted on a recent communicable disease. Environmental Health Director Banwell provided an update on the 208 Water Quality Plan. Letters have been sent to the affected cities and townships. Meetings will be held in Beloit and Janesville. Letters to impacted residents will be mailed explaining the policy with an invitation to a public meeting.

Public Health Nursing

Nursing Director Zoellner provided an update on the Measles outbreak in the United States. This began at Disneyland late December 2014 and expanded to 17 different states, resulting in 170 cases to date. Wisconsin does not have any cases reported to date. Historically, measles has an estimated cost of \$100,000 per case, which includes medical and public health intervention. This is a highly contagious disease with a very effective vaccine that is offered. The vaccine requires 2 doses, but effectiveness is measured at 95% after even one dose. If an individual was born before 1957, they are considered to be immune due to having the disease. Immunity to measles is assumed to be lifelong after vaccination or acquiring the disease. The majority of questions the Health Department has been asked is by adults inquiring if they need a measles booster. In most cases, adults have not needed a booster. In the year 2000, Measles was considered eliminated in the U.S. Cases in the past two years have been steadily increasing, most often in unvaccinated individuals. Cases can be imported by unvaccinated people traveling abroad and bringing the measles home.

Rock County Health Department has given 19 MMR doses this year in comparison to 1 last year at this time. However, since most immunization is now done by a primary care provider, doses given just by the health department does not tell the entire story. The health department has received media inquiries regarding the number of students that have not been immunized due to a personal waiver. The Health Department is a pass through organization for the 40 day immunization reports schools are required to have on file at the state level. Media inquiries were directed back to the individual school districts for any release they may want to facilitate. Ms. Wade inquired if there are a lot of waivers from parents. Nursing Director Zoellner stated yes and the amount of waivers is growing.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Director Banwell gave a presentation on surface water sampling in Rock County for 2014. Environmental Health Director Banwell explained that rain events can cause spikes in the data. . Supervisor Peer inquired if the Beloit Lagoon is tested. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated yes it is tested once annually and typically that tests very well. Blue/green algae can create odors, however, the Health Department does not have a way to test blue/green algae. This algae can show up in the morning and be gone by evening. Supervisor Addie asked the impacts of high E.coli on fish and if there are advisories for the public posted. Environmental Health Director Banwell responded that the Health Department posts signs at designated park areas. The fish itself is not a threat, however, the E.coli can contaminant an individual's hands from touching the water and then touching other surfaces or their mouth. There was discussion among board members on the 2008 flood and E.coli levels.

Committee discussion for determine a date for interviewing health officer candidates

The meeting date will be March 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rock County Health Department.

Communications and Announcements

None at this time.

Adjournment

Supervisor Addie and Dr. Konkol made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth LaBelle, Recorder

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