



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 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 7pm), Supervisor Peer, Supervisor Garrett, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Konkol, Mr. Gresens.

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Winter, Ms. Wade.

Staff Members Present: Marie-Noel Sandoval – Health Officer; Timothy Banwell – Environmental Health Director; Deborah Erickson – Acting Public Health Nursing Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; and Jessica Riedlinger – Administrative Secretary; Selene Castrucci - Intern.

Others Present: None at this time.

Adopt Agenda

Supervisor Bostwick made a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Konkol seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes -8/3/16

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/3/16 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Gresens seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

None at this time.

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Bills

The Board reviewed the Health Department's bills for the month of August, 2016. Supervisor Garrett asked about the Latino Community Fair. It is coming up on September 24th. She also asked about the 500 handwashing signs. Mr. Banwell explained that the signs are distributed to restaurants during the inspection process as part of a handwashing initiative. Supervisor Garrett asked about the oral typhoid vaccine. Ms. Erickson explained that this is a travel vaccine that is commonly given. Supervisor Garrett asked about the JP Morgan Chase Bank charges. Ms. Sandoval replied that this is the credit card used by the Health Department for training and office supplies.

Transfer of Funds over \$5,000.00

No transfers at this time.

Environmental Fee Changes

Ms. Sandoval stated that the 2017 budget reflects a \$10 increase in food permitting fees. This increase is usually \$5 annually, but the Health Department was unable to increase the fees last year due to State requirements.

Ms. Sandoval requested a \$2 increase in well water test fees. The Health Department test fees would still be lower than the State Lab fees. Ms. Sandoval also suggested a small fee for water test kits. According to Health Department data from 2013 to present, a large percentage of water test kits are not returned for testing. The Board members discussed exceptions and methods to track test bottles.

All Board members are in agreement to change the environmental fees as listed above.

School Nursing Fee Changes

Ms. Sandoval informed the Board members that letters had been sent to the school districts that contract with the Health Department for school nursing services along with renewal contracts. The letters included notice of a 10% increase in fees due to increased program costs. The schools signed the renewal contracts. The Edgerton and Parkview school districts contract with the Health Department for nursing services.

Supervisor Bostwick made motion to approve all environmental and school nursing fee changes. Dr. Konkol seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Flu Vaccine Pricing

Ms. Erickson told the Board members that she conducted a cost analysis to compare the Health Department vaccine prices to other area businesses that provide flu, pneumonia, and shingles vaccines. The Health Department is requesting the following fees for the 2016-2017 flu season: Hi-dose flu \$60.00, Regular flu \$35.00, Pneumovax 23 \$100.00, Prevnar 13 \$205.00, Zostavax \$230.00. The Board members discussed the fees recommendations. Mr. Gresens asked if the Health Department provides the quadrivalent flu vaccine. Ms. Erickson confirmed that it does. Mr. Gresens suggested a higher for the regular flu since it is quadrivalent. The Board members agreed that the regular flu cost should be \$40.00 instead of \$35.00.

Mr. Gresens made a motion to approve the vaccine pricing with the higher flu cost. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Health Department Report

In the News

Elizabethkingia: Ms. Sandoval reported that the Elizabethkingia outbreak seems to be contained. There has been no new news from the State. In all there were 63 confirmed cases. The source was not determined.

Zika: Wisconsin has 37 confirmed cases of the Zika virus according to Ms. Sandoval. All of these cases are travel related. No cases have been confirmed in Rock County, though patients with the appropriate symptoms and travel history are being tested. There have been 658 tests conducted in Wisconsin. The State has concluded

their mosquito surveillance. The Rock County Public Health Department participated in the surveillance collecting eight samples from four locations. The Aedes mosquito was not detected. The State indicated that participants can continue surveillance on their own. The State will provide instruction on how to identify the type of mosquito. The Rock County Public Health Department is talking to the State about continuing the program.

Surveillance

Ms. Sandoval reported that the number of Cryptosporidium and Hepatitis C cases are similar to last year's numbers.

The Health Department recently sent out a PSA to the press about a bat exposure. Ms. Erickson indicated that she is working on reeducation at the hospitals regarding exposure.

Ms. Sandoval told the Board members that there have been two unrelated cases of West Nile Virus in Rock County. A PSA recently went out to the press to inform the public.

Community Events/Outreach

Mass Clinics: The Public Health Department conducted two mass clinics that provided free vaccine to six grade students according Ms. Sandoval. The clinics were held during school registration at McNeel and Edison. These schools had an identified need for the vaccines. The Public Health Department served 64 students at McNeel and 66 at Edison. Ms. Sandoval said that the Public Health Department piloted their Public Health Rock Stars campaign at these mass clinics. There was a photo background with props and various prizes and incentives were given.

Safety Thirst: Ms. Sandoval relayed that the Rock County Public Health Department spoke to sports teams at several schools in the county. They discussed handwashing, proper care and use of water bottles, and when to stay home if not feeling well. The Public Health Department has been asked to return to one of the schools to speak to another sports team.

Health Initiatives: Ms. Sandoval told the Board members that the Public Health Department has a calendar of 4-5 initiatives per month in coordination with community partners.

Strategic Planning: The Health Department's strategic planning process is currently on hold according to Ms. Sandoval. It will resume in October.

Budget: Ms. Sandoval stated that the Health Department budget meeting took place on August 22nd. There were a few corrections made to the budget. There were some grant changes. The Public Health Department will be eliminating their role in paternity testing at the courthouse in 2017. CPS will be seeking another contractor for these services.

Personnel: According to Ms. Sandoval, two Public Health Nurses were hired and will start on 9/12/16. One will be placed in the north office and the other in the south office.

A Public Health Educator was hired. She will be working to improve the Health Department's presence in the community.

The open Sanitarian I position was accepted by a current Health Department employee leaving a vacant Environmental Health Tech position. The new State contract requires that anyone in the food program be a registered sanitarian. The approximate annual cost difference between an Environmental Health Tech and a Sanitarian is \$2,000.00. Ms. Sandoval will be presenting a resolution in the future to change this vacant position.

The part-time Public Health Support Specialist position closed last Friday. Human Resources sent blind applicant information for the Health Department to review.

The Clerk II listing has closed. The Health Department received 30 applications from Human Resources to review.

The Environmental Health Director position reposted 9/19 is closing soon. There are several positions of this type open within the state.

The Health Department is interviewing three candidates for the Assistant Director position on Friday.

Mr. Gresens asked how the Health Department trains new employees. Ms. Sandoval responded that there was an orientation group formed to advise the supervisors. The orientation process includes assigning a mentor, reviewing objectives and goals, rotating observation opportunities, and introductions to important contacts.

Environmental Health

Lead Report by Selene Castrucci (AHEC intern)

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

Childhood Lead Prevention Program Assessment

Interviews with agencies throughout the state

- Kristy Harrison & Teri Downing, Community and Housing Development - Beloit
- Mark Melotik, Environmental Health Manager – Kenosha
- Reghan Walsh, Lead Educator – Department of Health Services
- Stephanie Peters & Ryan Kerch, Lead Division – Winnebago County
- Jennifer Petruzzello & Carrie Clark, Neighborhood & Community Services – Janesville
- Colin Byrnes & Cheryl Martin, Planning, Economic & Community Development – Rock County
- Dr. John Ziegler, Pediatrician - Dean Hospital
- Katherine Kamp, Wisconsin Partnership for Housing – Southern Wisconsin

Steps the Health Department can take

- Create a lead coalition
- Lead safe power tool rentals
- Apply for grants what will not have an income qualifier
- Identify a way to compare lead levels between counties and states
- Hire a health educator that works on lead

Ideas for the new health educator

- Outreach
- Promotional materials
- Communicate with other agencies

Suggestions for the HUD grant

- Re-apply for the grant!
- Re-calculate income levels by census block to investigate who qualifies for the grant
- Consider making property owners pay a portion of the cost
- Build a stronger relationship with lead abatement contractors

Assessment of the EH Lead SOP

- Protocol for all three of the stated philosophies
- Include protocols if not everything goes according to plan
- Crossover with the nursing SOP

Assessment of the Nursing SOP

- Standard ASQ and ASQ-SE survey protocol
- Evaluate ways to improve the drop by home visits
- When to close cases
- Blood draw equipment

Conclusions

- In 2015, there were 134 reported children who had blood lead levels ≥ 5 mcg/dL
- A lot of work is already being done throughout the county in terms of prevention

Dr. Peterson asked why the numbers are so high. Ms. Castrucci responded that there are several factors including high housing turnover, the initial spike due to more testing, and difficulty following up with potential cases. Mr. Gresens asked if the lead problem is mostly due to lead in the homes. Ms. Castrucci responded that lead paint is the main problem. Chair Kraft asked who is responsible for reapplying for the HUD grant. Ms. Castrucci and Mr. Banwell responded that the Planning Department initially lead the project, but it was taken over by the City of Janesville. In the past, the State applied for the grant and distributed the funds. The future lead for the project is yet to be determined. The Health Department will follow up with more information in several months.

Public Health Nursing

Flu Vaccine Report

Ms. Erickson presented statistics provided by Sanofi Pasteur.

Deaths in Children ≤ 14 Years of Age From Selected Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (2004-2013):
 Polio – 0; Measles – 1; Hepatitis – 19; Pertussis – 152; Meningococcal Meningitis – 251; Flu 864

In the 2014-2015 season, 148 children under 18 died of flu and its complications. 62% of children who died as a result of flu were otherwise healthy with no underlying health conditions.

Immunization rates are low for influenza. The flu vaccination rate is lower than other vaccines. Vaccination rates in children less than 2 years old: DTaP 94%, MMR 90%, Hep A 82%, Flu 75%. In school age children the immunization rate for flu is 62% and Meningitis is 79%. Herd immunization is important to keep the public healthy.

In residents age 65 and over, 78% of hospitalizations and 90% of deaths are caused by the flu virus. Hi-dose flu vaccine is recommend for people in this age group because of their decreased immune systems that do not respond as well. The Hi-dose contains four times the antigen as a regular flu vaccine. This vaccine has shown to be 24% more effective than the regular flu vaccine for this age group.

Ms. Erickson told the Board members that people frequently ask if the current year's vaccine is a good match. She stated that this is referring to whether the strain being vaccinated against matches the actual strain. There is research being done to change the vaccine to match the current strain identified. Surveillance of flu is conducted through sale of medications and lab results. Only hospitalizations and deaths are reported to The Health Department.

Ms. Erickson also relayed that the intranasal vaccination is no longer recommended. It is not as effective. All Health Department vaccinations for this season will be injectable.

Dr. Peterson asked when the Health Department will start offering the flu vaccine. Ms. Erickson replied that they will be given as soon as this Friday.

Supervisor Peer asked if the pneumonia vaccine is as effective. Ms. Erickson replied that the initial reports are promising.

Ms. Erickson also followed up with information on the heroin task force. There is a heroin coalition of which the task force is a subgroup. The task force is currently in the recruitment stages.

Communications and Announcements

None at this time.

Adjournment

Supervisor Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Peer seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Riedlinger, Recorder

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