

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, August 1, 2014
7:30 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department
1st Floor Conference Room, County Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shiloh Ramos at 7:31 am

ROLL CALL: Board members present were: Chairman Shiloh Ramos; Deb Allison-Aasby; Thomas Ellis; Dr. Sam Hofman, Mike Norton; Sue Panek; and Rachel Youngquist.

EXCUSED: Tom Egan

Also present: Health Department Director Doug Gieryn; Anne Boyce, Environmental Health Supervisor; Cindy Draws, PH Nurse Supervisor; Barb Sheldon, WIC Director; Mary Jo Turner, PH Nurse Supervisor; and Heidi Keating, re:TH!NK Coalition Coordinator.

APPROVE MINUTES: May 20, 2014 meeting minutes will be held over until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BUSINESS:

A. Budget Transfer – Various Programs - Vote

- Anticipated reduction in income and expense for the Refugee Program due to the formula change. Emphasis switched from Public Health to the Health Care Provider taking on more responsibility.
- Prevention grant reflects changes

Moved and Second, Norton/Panek to approve. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

- Donation received and spent for the purchase of Bike Helmets.
- Increase in funding to the preparedness grant to allow for attendance at the CDC Prevention Conference
- Increase in Hospital Grant funding (WCHD is the fiscal agent)
- WIC grant increase
- Community Transformation Grant increase

Moved and Second, Ellis/Norton to approve. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

B. Table of Organization Change – Convert Public Health Nurse from Full-time to Part-time – vote

This item was pulled and will be a part of the 2015 Budget process.

C. Director and Staff Activity Report

Barb Sheldon – WIC Director

- Copies of the new, Wisconsin WIC program approved, food list have arrived and are being distributed to all enrolled families. Clients are no longer limited to one brand of baby food.
- Farmers Markets in Oshkosh and Neenah accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) for FoodShare. It is cost prohibitive for each vendor at the Farmers Market to obtain a swipe machine in order for customers to be able to pay for purchases with Food Share. The Rotary in Oshkosh became a vendor with a swipe machine so that customers can obtain tokens to use at the Market and then at the end of the day the Rotary buys the tokens back from the vendors.

- A Farmers Market was recently added in Black Wolf at the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 4-7 pm with two WIC approved vendors. Three additional vendors were given information on becoming a WIC approved vendor.
- Festival Foods in Neenah added a Farmers Market and has been approved to accept WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks by authorized vendors.
- There is signage to identify which are approved WIC FMNP vendors.
- In May WIC staff made and shared with each other recipes made from the State supplied Cook Book "Nutrition Matters" that features produce typically sold at Wisconsin Farmers' Markets."
- WIC Projects provide nutrition and health education to participants. Participants can create an account with an online site called www.wichelp.org. When a lesson is completed, their WIC account at the local office is notified. Clients were approached with this information about wichealth.org in July by an AHEC intern.
- EBT contract has been signed and is moving forward. EBT benefits will replace the paper checks in mid to late 2015.
- WIC Office software (ROSIE) is EBT ready; stores will need changes in order to be able to accept WIC EBT. The paper system will still be used during the Farmers Market in 2015.

Cindy Draws – Nurse Supervisor

- Communicable Disease –
 - Remains busy with Suspect cases of Measles, Mumps, and Pertussis
 - Frequent Suspect TB follow up and most recently we have started daily home visits to do Presumptive TB DOT for 2 months, maybe longer depending upon the outcome of the cultures that are pending
- Currently evaluating the results from the sex education program that was piloted in Oshkosh middle schools this past spring
- Refugees
 - The original contract was for 65 but has since been amended to accommodate the greater numbers. We have received 77 to date and the additional 12 anticipated by fiscal year end 9/30/14. More refugees were originally expected to be settled in the Appleton area but due to difficulties with locating housing there, they have been settling in Oshkosh.
- Falls Coalition – staggered handout created as a resource for the Community and Health Care Providers to give to individuals at risk for a fall.
 - Those at risk for a fall typically don't see themselves as being at risk.
 - This resource helps an individual identify their own risk and seek interventions to reduce their risk.
- Older Adult collaborative group – designed a Winnebago County Resource Directory guidebook. The purpose of this guidebook is to empower individuals with little knowledge of health care resources to seek resources independently.

Anne Boyce – Environmental and Sanitarian Programs

- Interviews have been completed, Samantha has accepted the position and will start work 9/2/14. Samantha comes from Michigan but has limited experience in the food area.
- Sarah will be going on maternity leave at the end of August or beginning of September and is expected to return in November.
- UWO intern, going in to pre-med, has been helping this summer with simple restaurant and simple grocery store inspections.

- Two meth labs were discovered.
- Early arrival of Blue Green Algae was noted and advisory signs posted to warn potential swimmers and boaters of the danger.
- Inspected five large special events, issued 62 licenses, 13 temporary grocery licenses, 55 inspection only, 15 campgrounds

Heidi Keating – re:TH!NK Programs

- Applied for the Federal Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant.
- Met with candidates after the primary to discuss Health First Wisconsin, an organization addressing Nutrition & Activity with Farm to School, Curbing Tobacco Use through Smoke Free Wisconsin, and Alcohol Misuse Prevention in an effort to obtain Health For All
- Education at Rock USA included Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) prevention to an age group of 15-33
- Education at Country USA included hydration (water) and risky behavior - STI's
- AmeriCorp staff is finishing up and new AmeriCorp staff will start in mid-August
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey has been compiled and identified a need to focus on Mental Health
- Connected Community Wellness is a screening program to identify and intervene with Social and Emotional Needs. Samaritan Counseling Center will provide the counselors administering the screening program in the Oshkosh High Schools during the 2014-2015 school year. This program will spread to the Omro and Winneconne high schools the following year.
 - Kids need to opt in for this screening
- Community Connectedness (Teen Screen)

Mary Jo Turner – Nurse Supervisor

- Maternal Child Health (MCH) grant mid-year review went well. The two new contract administrators were helpful and supportive and provided positive comments.
- Vaccines for Children (VFC) program site visit next week will be educational.
 - New toolkit addresses changes that will be required in 2015.
 - Changes in storage and handling, specific temperature monitoring, what to do in case of a power outage.
 - Steps have already been taken to address the new changes and all will be in place by 2015.
- Teresa Paulus presented the "Parents are the Key" program to the State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
 - Requested the DMV give out the Parents are the Key contract between the parent and child to the parents at the time the child takes the driving test but the DMV declined.
- Back to School Fair in Neenah/Menasha in August
 - Parents will be informed of the ASK Campaign where parents are encouraged to ask if there are guns in the homes their children visit.
 - Free Gun locks will be available
- Bike to Boogie – an event held in Neenah, encouraged families to put on their helmets and ride bikes to see a Boogie & the Yo-Yoz concert.
 - Children 18 and under could receive a helmet and have it fitted by volunteers.
 - Helmets that contained a dial that would adjust the helmet as the child grows were purchased with funds provided by the Kids of the Fox Valley and Rotary.
- Assessing birth data to address low birth weight.

- 19 infants weighed < 4 lbs., 15 of them were < 3 lbs.
- 18 of the infants were born at 24-30 gestational weeks
- 3 or less were born to a smoker
- 5 were WIC families
- Need to figure out and address as a community
- Most of the babies were born to mothers 25-30 years of age so the low birth weight can not be attributed to teen pregnancies
- Items to consider: plastic in the water system, stress from unplanned pregnancy

Doug Gieryn – Director

- Continuing to hold open the newly created staffing positions
- PICH grant, we are asking for 1.27 million per year for three years and should hear if it is granted to us in September
- 40 grants will be awarded to the States with half of the money going locally. We can apply for some of those funds if Wisconsin is awarded one of those grants.
- Drug Free Community Grant – we should hear in September if we were awarded the grant
- Living Healthy Community Clinic received a cut in funding from Human Services, a major funder, in anticipation of a reduction in need due to the availability of insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
 - In the 1st quarter of the year a reduction in clients has not been realized
 - The same or greater number of people are without insurance or have a large deductible
 - Doug Gieryn will address the County Board with concerns that the funding cuts are premature and that many may go without treatment for communicable disease
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has identified a site with potential vapor intrusion by the Winneconne Bridge as part of a site investigation.
 - Buildings are scheduled to be razed in a couple of years
 - Occupancies may be impacted
 - Looking for the best course of action for the property owners
 - Sub slab vapor testing
 - Drill holes in basements to sample soil beneath
 - Install mitigation systems
- Weight of the Fox Valley has moved from the introductory phase to the work group phase.
 - I Took The Pledge event June 5th
 - August 9th Aurora will host a Live Well event at Brighton Acres with funds going to Weight of the Fox Valley
- EAA Housing issues being resolved
 - Convention Bureau to put a link to our licensing page on their website to inform individual property owners about obtaining a license.
 - The Northwestern brought this licensing issue to our attention
- Board of Health appointments are in progress
 - Jill Collier has declined another term
 - An Organizational meeting will be held at the next Board of Health meeting

D. Budget Update and 2015 Budget Planning

- Through June we would like to see Revenue Total at > 50%
 - Revenue is lagging behind as usual, showing 47.58%

- Through June we would like to see Expenses at < 50% and the total is showing 44.17%
- 2015 Budget
 - Labor is an estimate – there will be 3-4 unfilled positions
 - 2-page comparison between 2014 and estimated 2015 budget will be emailed to Board members.
 - Meeting with County Executive to discuss budget scheduled for the 19th
 - County Board to vote on the budget in October

E. Needle Exchange Program – planning update

- Re:TH!NK Addiction Run to be held September 13th to raise funds to work on prevention programs such as the Needle Exchange Program.

9:00 – Deb Allison-Aasby and Sue Panek leave.

- One strategy of the exchange program is that you can help educate users during the needle exchange.
 - Law Enforcement and Public Health would not have cause to interact with the user until there is an overdose.
- Sanitation workers are at risk when they unexpectedly come across syringes mixed in with refuse.
- Sharing needles causes the user to be at risk for AIDS and Hepatitis C.
 - New Hepatitis C cases were high in 2011/2012/2013 with a growing number in the 30-59 age range.
- Heroin users are not typical drug users.
 - Some Heroin users progressed from other drugs but not all of them were prior drug users.
 - Many Heroin addicts begin with legally prescribed pain medications that are opiate based. Once addicted to the medication, the addict finds Heroin is a less expensive option.

NEXT MEETING: September 5, 2014, 7:30 am County Admin Building, 1st Floor Conference Room.

REPORTS:

None

Motion to adjourn, Hofman/Ellis. Motion carried, 5-0 voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Capen, Administrative Support
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