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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING NOTES

April 5, 2019 @ 7:30 A.M.

County Administration Building - 1st Floor Conference Room
112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh

1. Call to Order

Dr. Ramos called meeting to order. We do have a quorum.

2. Roll Call

David Zerbe, Mike Norton, Tom Ellis, Shiloh Ramos, Sarah Meundi, Ann Marshall, Paula McNeil (left at 8:25 am), Rachel Youngquist

Anna Carpenter, Sarahjean Schluechtermann, Niki Euhardy, Alana Erickson, Doug Gieryn, Carolyn McCarty, Barb Sheldon (left early), Anne Boyce, Julia Salomon, Cindy Draws

3. Approval of Minutes

Mike motioned to approve the minutes; Ann seconded; all said aye.

4. Public Comment Period

none

5. Business:

a. Budget Transfers

i. Vehicle replacement \$24,000 – vote

The Impala, which is in need of many repairs, is one of four cars. Doug requests to move reserve funds to capital for purchasing a replacement car, a Ford Fusion. Timing for purchase to be reviewed dependent on state purchasing contracts process/timeline. Purchase may happen before the end of the year.

Motion to approve by Mike Norton; Paula seconded; all said aye.

ii. Opioid Preparedness grant - \$136,938 – vote

Doug presented request for transfer. Funds came through a state preparedness grant. Project is a regional effort to host an opioid summit, offer training for first responders, and support the work of the Overdose Fatality Review Team. WCHD applied for and received funds and will coordinate all of the work in partnership with HERC. Sarahjean Schluechtermann is the project coordinator.

Paula motioned to approve and Mike seconded. All said aye.

iii. Various grants - \$55,385 – vote

- Sarahjean briefly presented on how the OHPP grant is being used for data analysis related to social connectedness.

- Prevention grant adjustment reviewed.
- Ladies Benevolent Society for training 4 leaders to offer classes.
- Training for leaders for three classes: Healthy Living with DB, Strong Bodies and Stepping On.
- Additional preparedness grant. State has offered training funds for staff. This year we were awarded funds: ~\$21,000.

Motion to approve Mike Norton, Tom Ellis seconded. Discussion ensued regarding if one particular grant could be removed from this entire transfer request. All voted aye.

b. Change to Table of Organization – Convert Public Health Nurse to Community Health Strategist – vote

Prior employee was hired as a Public Health Nurse but work evolved over time to that of a Community Health Strategist to best meet the needs of the agency and the community. The position was recently vacated. Request is to change the Table of Organization to be able to hire a community health strategist so that the position matches the evolution of the work.

Motion to approve: Mike Norton; Seconded by: David Zerbe. All voted aye

c. Resolution on Infants and Toddlers Investments – Mike Norton – vote

- Mike presented background information re: national resolution brought to his attention through NACO and National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers. This is a resolution to make a commitment to invest in early childhood (prenatal to 3 years old). Resolution was passed unanimously by Winnebago County Human Services. Winnebago may be the first in the state to pass this resolution. Research shows that investments in the first three years of life (quality daycare, access to healthy foods, access to high quality health care, etc.) save money and resources later in life. There are no dollars involved in this resolution but rather states the commitment the county will take to invest efforts in prenatal to 3.

Discussion ensued:

- Shiloh pointed out that resolution does include some specific actions (“designate a leader to coordinate and maximize county services...” etc.) that may have to be accomplished if resolution is accepted. In the absence of funds what support do we have to perform these actions?
- Cindy communicated that there are county based organizations that are doing some of this work already. (e.g. Department of Human Services may see itself as that leader that coordinates and maximizes county services, etc.)
- Shiloh recommended that a “pending funding” wording be included in the resolution.
- David Zerbe pointed out that accepting this without funding or some other wording of how this becomes a priority over something else is not well defined. To accept this means this becomes a priority for public health, and as such should be included in the strategic plan and should be linked to some kind of funding.

- Doug mentioned many of the activities are already being done by WCHD and other community partners. He is confident about most of the action items with the exception of creating an early childhood leader to coordinate and maximize county services.
- Mike proposed taking out the second bulleted action item (designating an early childhood leader, etc.) instead of adding verbiage related to “pending funding”
- More discussion ensued; many other suggestions were proposed.
- Most of the board realized that the resolution as written is much more than just a raising awareness tool and thus needs more clarity especially as it relates to the actionable items and who is responsible and accountable to get these things done, especially without funding. The board made clear that they support the work but to accept a resolution that specifically asks for action items in the absence of funding or having clarity of roles to get the work done may not be a good idea at this time.

Paula McNeil left at 8:25 am

- David Zerbe summarized the discussion:
 - Board of Health has reviewed the resolution and understands that the Winnebago County Human Services board passed the resolution as is.
 - Board of Health is strongly in support of this work and moving forward to have this work be a priority for the department.
 - However in the absence of clarity of roles and funding to take on this work, is asking the public health Director to engage in further communication with the Winnebago County Human Services to add clarity to this issue.
- Mike withdrew request for a vote on the resolution as it stands.

d. Child Death Review Team 2018 accomplishments presentation – Teresa Paulus
 Many recommendations have come out of the child death review team/work (standardized death by suicide form; lethal means restriction information; etc.)
 Teresa clarified they only review child deaths once a full investigation is complete. Until then the death certificate states cause of death as pending. Team consists of public health nurse, medical providers, child protective services, Winnebago county human services, and other community partners who sign a confidentiality agreement, etc. The team has established a culture of trust and positive relationships.

e. Director and Staff Activity Report

- BOH members introduced themselves to Niki Euhardy and Sarahjean Schluechtermann and vice versa.
- Carolyn announced her leaving the department.
- Lynnsey Erickson will be expanding her work as a new tobacco position is created.
- National Public Health Week: Mike asked for success stories to be submitted.
- Doug has been working with UW-Oshkosh to establish a partnership related to vector borne diseases (ticks, mosquitoes, etc.). Vector training by the state may be taking place. Vector surveillance training etc.

- Jail expansion study: WCHD has been involved in this work and looking at how to reduce jail populations as an alternative to expanding the jail. Looking at the system of arrests, incarceration, bonding, etc. A jail expansion would cost on the order of \$18 million and \$600,000 a year to maintain. Doug would appreciate the BOH's support in future recommendations to reduce jail populations. PH is involved because there are mental health issues, substance use issues, system changes, etc. which have tremendous impact on families/individuals/population.
- May 5th, Friday is our legislative breakfast at Coughlin. BOH encouraged to attend. No board of health meeting to encourage BOH attendance at this.

Shiloh and Sarah announced they had to leave early so items f and g will be included in the minutes to give time for staff updates to take place.

- f. 2018 Year-end Budget – review -Will be included in the minutes
- g. 2019 Income Statement – review-Will be include in the minutes
- h. WCHD Communications | PSA, L2L, Annual Report, “news spots” – Alana Erickson. If you want to receive these communications, please let Alana know.
- i. Strategic Planning Update– Julia E. Salomón
- j. Staff Updates:
 - EH:** will start inspections: well and water sampling; 122 TNC.
 - Training: two staff attended the Emergency Preparedness Summit in St. Louis; DNR training next week ; Rec Ed training provide by the state
 - WPS Farm show: 6 food stands, church lenten fish fries.
 - New establishments: Pixels Arcade, a nutrition shop, Dollar General relocated to a new store in Omro

HLS: Family Child Health, Well Woman Program, Promoting Health Aging.

- Presentation on early childhood to OACF funders (Cindy and Corey Sagehorn)
- PNCC: work picking up. Last year had 60 referrals and 30 of those signed up for the program. First quarter 2019 we have had 30 referrals and 25 have signed up for the program. Referrals are coming from a variety of sources. STI, Aurora, HMO's are referring more and some self-referrals.
- Falls continue to be an issue. 1700 fall calls recorded by the Oshkosh fire department in 2017; Gold Cross in 2018 had over 1000 fall related calls (majority in 55 years of age or older). Partnering with the Fire department w to pull partnerships together through a BNGP grant to look at how we can be more impactful to reduce falls in the community. The health department offers fall prevention classes, fall home assessments and promotes awareness through a tri county falls coalition – Finding Balance Together.

- Wellness Coalition: bring evidence based health self-management classes to the community. Name change! New Wellness Plus Tools for Better Health. New class: Healthy Living with Chronic Pain. Five new leaders have been identified including David Zerbe a BOH member.

Serah Muneundi left at 9:15 am; Shiloh Ramos and Niki Euhardy left at 9:30 am.

CH&P:

- Overdose Fatality Review team has come up with some recommendations that have been approved to be public.
- Staff were invited to present at Oshkosh's Rental Housing Advisory Board meeting. Presented on the role of public health in housing and on social connectedness as it relates to housing.
- WCHD is supporting ECWRPC's application to the Wisconsin Partnership Program for work related to health in planning.
- re:TH!NK Legislative Breakfast will take the place of the next BOH meeting.

CD:

- GI and respiratory outbreaks starting to wind down.
- Carolyn McCarty left 9:40 am
- CD team establishing positive relationship w/UW-O to address rising STI rates.
- Flu has peaked, maybe?

Emergency Preparedness:

- Kim and Anna preparing a tabletop exercise on measles outbreak.
- Anna and 2 EH staff attended Emergency Preparedness Summit.
- Anna leading the planning for a regional workshop and exercise.
- Anna attended WI Public Health Association policy symposium.
- Sarahjean presented on opiate preparedness grant. Working on providing resources to first responders, survey them in regards to resource needs. Organizing Opioid Summit on August 21st to be held in Appleton, more to come.

6. Next Meeting: June 7, 2019

7. Board of Health Reports

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by David Zerbe, Seconded by Ann Marshall

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