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Jefferson County – Board of Health Meeting Summary – April 17, 2019

Board Members

Don Williams, MD, Chair; Conor Nelan, Vice-Chair; Dick Schultz, Secretary; Maria Dabel; Samantha LaMuro, R.T.

Call to Order: Don Williams, MD, unable to call the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. due to lack of a Quorum.

Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum: Quorum was not established.

Board Members Present: Don Williams, MD, Chair; Conor Nelan, Vice-Chair

Board Members Absent: Dick Schultz, Secretary, excused prior to meeting; Maria Dabel, excused prior to meeting, Samantha LaMuro, R.T., excused prior to meeting

Members of the Public Present: Anita J. Martin, Lake Mills, Self/Community, regarding Community Health Assessment Focus Group locations; Ronni Monroe, Aztalan; Olivia Destefano, Madison UW student; Katherine Riley, Watertown, Herzing student; Ashley Sternhagan, Madison UW student

Staff Present: Gail Scott, Director, Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator, Sandee Schunk, Accountant II, Recorder

Summary:

Gail Scott, Director, reviewed the planned agenda and briefly reported on the following items:

- No action items due to lack of a quorum.
- Public Health Preparedness exercises and meetings included in monthly reports in meeting packet.
- Public Health statistics and Communicable Disease Reports included in the meeting packet. Reported an increase in Influenza hospitalizations involving elderly patients. Don Williams, MD, reported that not as many cases and deaths this flu season compared to last year but peaks in cases reported.
- Public Health Registered Nurse is on FMLA that routinely works on Communicable Disease follow-up. Other Public Health RNs are following up on 2 TB clients who are non-infectious but require Direct Observed Therapy with medications. Chronic Hepatitis C cases also need education and follow-up by nursing staff.
- Rock River Free Clinic and Community Dental Clinic may be eligible to be covered as a FQHC = Federally Qualified Health Center if Governor Evers declares Johnson Creek or Whitewater a healthcare shortage area. The Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation supports the Community Dental Clinic with a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. The Dental Clinic Director will be retiring in 2019.
- The Falls Prevention Program with EMS is 75% completed to become a reality. EMS, who respond to an elderly or disabled patient due to a fall, may make an electronic referral to the ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Center) or the Health Department (for EH issues) with the patient's permission. The ADRC will do an in-home assessment and connect the patient to resources to help prevent future falls. Marquardt Home Health and Rainbow Hospice currently offer palliative care programs to at-risk Jefferson County residents. Tammy Baldwin/State Legislation is working on funding mechanisms to help keep elderly and disabled residents functioning in their home with chronic disease medication management, social support and transportation assistance.
- Interviews have been set up next week to fill a vacant Public Health RN, BSN position and replacing Diane Nelson, Public Health Program Manager, who is retiring after 9 years of service.
- Community Health Assessment - Focus Groups April 24th & 25th; a community survey is active during April 2019 and a Summit set on May 9, 2019 8:00 a.m. to noon in Watertown. More information to follow.
- The Health Department received 2 donations to buy books for the TalkReadPlay program: Randy Schopen Memorial Fund = \$500; United Way = \$2,500.
- A "letter of appreciation" was signed by Board members for Diane Nelson, Public Health Program Manager. The Health Department will have a staff potluck in her honor on Wednesday, June 12th followed by an Open House with cake in the afternoon. Her last day of employment will be Friday, July 5, 2019.
- General discussion followed regarding communicable diseases; 2020 budget planning, TalkReadPlay promotion at in-home daycares.

Board of Health members and guests departed at 1:35 p.m. Scheduled Agenda items will be discussed at the next Board of Health meeting on July 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Summary prepared by: Sandee Schunk, Accountant II, Jefferson County Health Department