

Jefferson County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Jefferson County Health Department – Conference Room
1541 Annex Road, Jefferson, WI. 53549

Call to Order: M. Wiesmann, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum: Quorum established.

Board Members Present: Marie Wiesmann, Chair, RN, BSN; John McKenzie, Vice-Chair; Ed Morse, Secretary; Dick Schultz

Board Member Excused Prior to Meeting: Don Williams, M.D.

Staff Present: Gail Scott, Director; Diane Nelson, Public Health Program Manager; Ted Tuchalski, Environmental Health; Jeff Larkin, Environmental Health; Sandee Schunk, Clerical/Recorder

Guests Present: Benjamin Wehmeier, County Administrator; Tracie Davis, UW Green Bay Student Nurse

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law: The meeting was properly noticed.

Approval of the Agenda: No changes requested.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes for July 20, 2016

Motion by D. Schultz to approve the minutes as written; second by J. McKenzie; motion carried unanimously.

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

G. Scott introduced UW Green Bay BSN student, Tracie Davis. Tracie is spending 70 hours of her clinical time at the Health Department with Gail. Tracie offered thanks to the committee for allowing her to work with the Health Department.

G. Scott reported that we have 4 UW Madison nursing students working with staff during their fall semester.

Review of Health Department Financial Report

a) Review and Discussion of Income Statement

S. Schunk reviewed the July 2016 “Statement of Revenues & Expenditures Report” included in the meeting packet. The reserve funds available in the 2016 budget, in the amount of \$ 114,973, will be applied to cover any deficit at year end. *Motion by J. McKenzie to approve the financial report; second by D. Schultz; motion carried unanimously.*

b) 2017 Budget Update

G. Scott reviewed the “2017 Proposed Budget Summary” included in the meeting packet. The summary highlights changes between the estimated 2016 and 2017 revenue and expenses. The 2017 tax levy goal of \$ 838,207 will be offset by applying an estimated \$ 130,199 from the department’s \$ 240,164 Reserve Fund Balance - leaving approximately \$ 109,965 available to apply to the 2018 budget, if needed.

Operational Update of the Environmental Health Program

a) Update on Lead Program: G. Scott reported that the schools have not been contacted about water testing. A staff member will be assigned to this project in the near future.

T. Tuchalski reported he has not been successful in reaching the homeowner regarding the deadline set of August 1, 2016 for cleaning up the disposal of household pet waste in the roadside ditch adjacent to the property located at W1665 Rocky Lane, Sullivan, WI. He reports he will make a home visit and take photos of the area to record if clean-up has taken place. It was also reported that the County Humane Officer has not returned his phone calls regarding this issue. B. Wehmeier advised contacting Captain Jerry Haferman regarding the calls not being returned. If clean-up has not been completed, the violation will be referred to Jefferson County Corporation Counsel for follow-up. It was noted that the Township is not enforcing the policy of “dumping on public domain”. It was questioned if the County does the clean-up could the homeowner and Township be billed for the expenses?

D. Nelson reported that Waterloo and Lake Mills received a grant for replacing residential water pipes.

D. Nelson reported that a child had a blood level which required hospitalization. J. Larkin reported that the source of the poisoning was probably from exposure to dry sanding during home renovation. The

child has been moved to another residence. The Public Health RNs are following up with the family and the child's lead level has decreased. The State advised testing the dust in the child's new living environment to avoid further lead poisoning.

Diane N. reported that lead levels less than 10 mcg/dl are not reported to the State but any elevated level should be followed up on. Few Health Departments follow-up on results of 5 mcg/dl – 9 mcg/dl levels - as State statute does not cover testing at these levels to date. The goal is to provide education on home renovations and providing swabs to check for lead in paint.

J. Larkin reported that less than a 15 mcg/dl lead level is offered written recommendations but there is no legal authority to investigate.

Discussion of Lake Mills Informational Meeting Regarding Lead: G. Scott reported that an informational meeting for the City of Lake Mills residents, regarding elevated lead in the water, is set for December 6, 2016.

- b) **Discussion of Results of Mosquito Surveillance Related to Zika Virus:** G. Scott reported that 3 months of surveillance has been completed throughout the County. No Zika related mosquitoes were identified but some mosquitos related to other viruses were confirmed. Congress has not passed legislation on Zika funding. The Health Department staff has completed follow-up on a travel-related Zika Virus case.

Discussion of Public Health Preparedness Program

G. Scott reported on a future full-scale exercise related to a mock train derailment including 20 mass fatalities and a family assistance center. Those involved in the Preparedness Exercise include the Health Department, Jefferson County Human Services, Jefferson County Coroner, Aurora Summit Hospital and Watertown Regional Hospital.

G. Scott reported a decrease in Public Health Preparedness funding at this time and no Ebola grant funding for 2017.

Discussion of Public Health Program

- a) **Review of Statistics:** D. Nelson reviewed the statistics included in the meeting packet.
- b) **Review of Communicable Disease Cases Reported:** D. Nelson reported that Fort Atkinson High School had a Pertussis outbreak in the spring of 2016 with a few more cases reported recently.
G. Scott reported that she was interviewed on radio station WFAW and TV Channel 6 regarding Pertussis and she stressed immunization and that infants and the elderly are at highest risk.
G. Scott reported that the first dead crow diagnosed with West Nile Virus has been reported in Jefferson County. No human cases reported.
- c) **Discussion of Mass Clinics and Influenza Vaccinations:** D. Nelson reviewed the Mass School Clinic schedule included in the meeting packet. Nursing staff are providing adult flu employee vaccinations at businesses that request to be billed for this service. Jefferson County employees covered under Unity, MercyCare or Dean Health Insurance may receive their flu vaccination from the Health Department and billing will be provided.
- d) **Discussion of New Oral Health Initiatives:** G. Scott reported that the Health Department is working in collaboration with the Community Dental Clinic in Fort Atkinson. Dental varnishes for children are provided at the Watertown Health Department WIC clinic and at the Health Department. If needed, a referral is made to the Community Dental Clinic for dental care and education.
The Health Department is also working with the CDC and the Children's Health Alliance of WI on a pilot program called "Healthy Smiles for Mom and Baby (HSMB)" which is a statewide program to integrate oral health into prenatal and pediatric health care systems. A referral form is given to the client to take to her doctor for signing. The form is then taken to the Community Dental Clinic or dental provider to receive dental care.
The Health Department is also working with the Jefferson County Literacy Council on "Brush, Book & Bed" Initiative. The Literacy Council is writing for a grant to purchase books in English and Spanish plus a calendar to track the success of the program. The goal is to provide a new book to children, increase dental care at home, increase literacy and increase parenting skills. A grant is being written for the Fort Community Foundation and funding may be awarded from United Way. Emi Reiner, Public Health Nurse, has received a scholarship to go to a 2 day dental conference. Emi has been very involved in promoting dental health education to children and pregnant moms.
D. Nelson reported that the Children's Alliance of WI is using our Health Department data for other counties.
G. Scott reported the Community Dental Clinic is still in need of a paid dentist.

- e) **Discussion of New Testing Partnership with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin:** G. Scott reported that the AIDS Resource Center had contacted counties outside of Madison and Beloit to be a testing site for AIDS, HIV, Hepatitis C and STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) for uninsured people. Starting on October 17, 2016 and on the third Monday of every month, the AIDS Resource Center will be providing testing at the Health Department.

M. Wiesmann requested that the Fort HealthCare clinics be notified of this new service.

The “Lifepoint Needle Exchange” program reports seeing a lot of Jefferson County residents in Beloit. This program provides clean needles and injection supplies for injection drug users in exchange for used needles and offers education about drug use. More information will be obtained on this program as it was not clear if the “Lifepoint Needle Exchange” van would be visiting Jefferson County or not. Discussion followed if this program encourages illegal drug use but it is actually a safety measure to prevent the sharing of needles by users. M. Wiesmann explained it is cheaper to provide clean needles to help prevent Hepatitis C and other diseases than treat the diseases. She reported that the Rockford and Beloit areas have been reported as being the “hotspots” for obtaining Heroin - possibly coming up from Chicago. It has been decided that prevention and education are the best steps taken now to meet with clients and come up with a plan to decrease their risks. There is currently an increase in Hepatitis C cases from people who were injection drug users in the 1950’s – 1970’s and it is a costly and long treatment. Heroin use is life threatening.

B. Wehmeier reported that Jefferson County Law Enforcement and the District Attorney’s Office are working on diversion programs to get people the help they need.

G. Scott reported that Dr. Rutledge at the Rock River Free Clinic will soon be able to prescribe Soboxone and the Health Department can give Vivitrol with a doctor’s order. These medications assist the client in getting off of Heroin.

B. Wehmeier reported that next year a “drug court” would be established to include mandatory appearances in front of a judge by offenders, AA type programs set up for drug users, mandatory call-ins and jail time reduced if outpatient rehab programs are attended.

- f) **Discussion of Community Health Assessment and October 24th Summit:** G. Scott reported that 1,100 responses were received from the “Dodge Jefferson Healthier Community Partnership - Community Health Needs Assessment Survey”.

G. Scott reported that the Board of Health committee members are invited to the October 24, 2016 Summit scheduled from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Windwood of Watertown and includes lunch. The survey results will be shared at that meeting.

G. Scott also invited the Board of Health committee members to an open house at the Community Dental Clinic on Thursday, October 27th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The Community Dental Clinic is providing dental surgery for disabled adults and children at Fort HealthCare.

Meriter hospital has the same type of service available for Dane County residents only.

Discussion of Monthly Health Department Report

G. Scott reviewed the monthly reports included in the meeting packet.

D. Nelson reported that the jail nursing staff has a good working rapport with the deputies and started using a “tele-medicine” program this week. The jail is not responsible for providing outside medical care for Huber inmates.

D. Nelson reported that she met with a reporter from Japan, regarding the CDRT (Child Death Review Team), who is interested in starting a CDRT in Japan.

Discussion of Meeting Dates and Time

Next scheduled meeting for 2016: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 1 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by D. Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.; second by J. McKenzie; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Santee Schunk, Recorder