

Unofficial Minutes Until Approved
Clark County Board of Health 03/31/2016
Clark County Courthouse, Neillsville - Auditorium

Meeting called to order by Renderman at 1:00pm.

Meeting convened into open session as in compliance with the open meeting law.

Roll call. Members present for all or part of the meeting: Bill Neville, Dean Zank, Jerome Krempasky, Chris Parker, Doris Bakker, Mark Renderman, Dr. Gary Janssen

Agency staff and/or others present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Leischow, Mindy Weix

Motion by Neville to approve the February meeting minutes; seconded by Zank. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Janssen to approve the February vendor payments; seconded by Krempasky. Voice vote, motion carried.

Weix presented the 2015 annual communicable disease report, quarter 4 (2015) report, and quarter 1 (2015) report. In regard to the annual report, in particular, noted was a significant drop in the number of pertussis cases, slight decrease in reported chlamydia cases, slight increase in the number of influenza associated hospitalization, and slight increase in ehrlichiosis/anaplasmosis in 2015 compared to 2014. Updates regarding Elizabethkingia and Zika virus were also provided, noting that the Health Department monitors epidemiologic data and that there has been no activity in Clark County. As of this reporting, 3 pregnant women in Clark have been tested for Zika; one has come back negative and 2 results are still pending. Motion made by Bakker to receive and file the 2015 annual communicable disease report; seconded by Neville. Voice vote, motion carried.

Leischow requested approval for out of state travel for employee Rosandick to attend the Public Health Improvement Training in Baltimore in June. All related travel expenses to be covered through the NACCHO-ASI grant we received. Motion by Krempasky to approve Rosandick for out of state travel; seconded by Neville. Voice vote, motion carried.

Members were informed that the week of April 4-8 is National Public Health Week and that the department has planned a few activities to recognize what it is we do. It was shared that the Department recognized Mary Sladich as this year's Friend of Public Health and as such a press release will be issued and that she was invited to the Health Department to formally recognize and celebrate her for her contributions. As a week-long event, Leischow indicated that the primary focus of this event will focus on raising awareness of public health matters via social media channels with WCCN also running an interview with Leischow on the County Health Rankings and what the community can do to get involved. General discussion items; no action items.

Leischow provided an update on a variety of competitive grant opportunities. It was noted that the Department did receive an award from the UW-Office of Rural Health to focus on obesity prevention as well as funding from the Chippewa County Health Department to address children and youth with special health care needs that will focus on newborn screening among the Amish population. In regard to the Office of Rural Health grant, in partnership with UW-Extension, this will involve 6 months of planning activity with key members of the Eat Right-Be Fit coalition and

then up to 2 years of funding to implement the strategies. Leischow also shared with members that the Department has been invited by the Medical College of Wisconsin-Healthy Wisconsin Partnership Program to do a pitch presentation on April 7th in regard to our originally submitted proposal on behavioral health. As a requirement of the funding organization, 2 positions would need to be hired and Leischow requested an initial nod of approval from members to do this hiring if the need arose. Board members did support recruitment and hiring, if the need arose. Leischow is in process of working on the pitch presentation, in collaboration with other likely project partners. General discussion; no action items other than to record the board's approval of the possible need to hire and to keep the board apprised of possible next steps.

Leischow provided an overview of the recently released County Health Rankings. General review and discussion; no action items.

Members were informed that as in previous years we have again secured an Area Health Education Center Summer Intern to help with a variety projects. As a no cost opportunity to introduce college students to rural public health over the course of 2 months, this partnership has benefitted the Health Department in the past. It was noted that the student is a Clark County local so comes to us with an understanding of Clark County and the community members we serve. Motion by Zank to approve support of this AHEC student; seconded by Parker. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2016 at 2:00pm.

2:25pm Motion by Parker to adjourn; seconded by Krempasky. Voice vote, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Leischow, MPH
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