

FOREST COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: BOARD OF HEALTH

PLACE:

Forest County Health Dept
Courthouse, Crandon, WI
5:15 P.M.

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2015

TIME:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Tackes-Savard, Larry Berg, Dr. Perry, Candy Dailey, Amy Kuebler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melinda Otto, (Chairman)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jill Krueger, (Agency Director)

1. Roll Call
2. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Berg.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Dailey, seconded by Tackes to approve the agenda. Motion carried. (*Attachment #1*)
4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Motion by Tackes, seconded by Perry, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.
5. Public health items:
 - a. Budget: no update
 - b. Health plan: Director is working on community needs assessment data with Oneida, Vilas Health and Ministry/St.Mary's Rhinelander, Woodruff and Eagle River. The plan is to complete the needs assessment this year and work on the plan in 2016. The department accepted a donation from Carter Casino from their Diabetes Golf Outing last fall. The donation will be used to support local health initiatives. We would like to reach out to diabetics and will be discussing different ways to do this. Amy Kuebler suggested reaching out to Type 1 diabetics to see what kind of help they may need, possibly a support group for newly diagnosed. There will be an Iron Chef Competition at the Crandon School sponsored by the library's Health happens at the library initiative. The library was awarded a national grant due to the programs that support health initiatives in our community. The coalition is working on getting the market established and has decided to keep it on Wednesdays. We are exploring different ideas to have locally grown foods available. We are looking into utilizing the city garden space to grow foods and have a master gardener who is interested in assisting. The space would have to be completely renovated and will still allow for community members to have a plot.
 - c. Accreditation update: no update
 - d. Legislative update: Communicable Disease Resolution (*Attachment #2*) was brought to the board and motion by Dailey, second by Tackes in favor of the resolution and forwarding it to the county board. Motion carried. It was brought to the board's attention that there is a bill in circulation to regulate vapor products. A copy of the bill was given to board members for awareness. (*Attachment #3*)
 - e. Strategic plan: The strategic plan was reviewed at a staff meeting. One of the areas of review was finance and seeking revenue sources. Our public health nurse is certified to teach CPR classes through the Red Cross. The board was in favor of exploring this as an opportunity to provide a needed services at a cost. Dailey suggested partnering with Nicolet College for equipment needs.
 - f. Annual report: The 2014 annual report was reviewed and motion to accept the report was made by Tackes, second by Berg. Motion carried. (*Attachment #4*)
 - g. Program updates: We are exploring offering pneumococcal boosters at the meal sites. The vaccine is very expensive so we need to make sure the cost is covered by insurance before we order it. We are working with Aging to have a sign up list. Lifeline Update:

We will be working on policies and procedures and updating the contracts. We currently have 62 units in place.

- h. County health rankings: The rankings were released this month. (*Attachment #5*) Forest County ranks 70th out of 72 counties in the state. There were marked improvements in access to exercise but also increases in alcohol impaired deaths and sexually transmitted disease so our overall health behaviors went down. Our clinical care has improved. The social and economic factors which is the heaviest weighted category, is at 70th. For the second year in a row we ranked #1 in the physical environment category. We continue to reach out to partners and share the information so that we can move forward together to improve the health of the whole community. The rankings are a nation-wide snapshot of health and do not include a lot of the local data or initiatives that are taking place. We will be reviewing more local data with our needs assessment this year.
6. GRANT UPDATES: WIC will be transitioning to an electronic system in July. Our WIC funding has decreased due to a decrease in our caseload. We have a new R.D. from Niagra who has been a great addition to the program. We will be receiving additional preparedness funding for Ebola preparedness. The funding will start in July and end in 2016. We will be looking at planning and possibly another exercise. We were contacted by Forest County Potawatomi to see if we could be their after-hours contact. Currently the health department after-hours calls go to the Sheriff's Dispatch and they contact me or my nursing staff. FCP would like us to take their calls as well and then contact their nursing staff. After discussion, the board was not in favor of this policy.
7. Old business: None
8. New business: We were approached by probation and parole to see if there is a possibility to have the health department provide supervised medication for probation clients. It was decided that if there is a need for this in the county, we could explore it and would have to have appropriate policies and procedures in place and approval from the medical director. Interviews for the clerk position will be May 7th with personnel committee. Board members are welcome to attend. We will be hosting a Health Care Administration intern from UWSP this summer and our Dietetic student will also be coming back for a couple of months.
9. Other matters as permitted by statute: Board was given an update on Avian Influenza cases in the state and that there have been no human cases but many birds have been killed. The risk to the public is very low.
10. Next meeting date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the County Board Room.
11. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Dailey, seconded by Tackes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jill Krueger, Director