

FOREST COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: **BOARD OF HEALTH**

PLACE:

Forest County Board Room
Courthouse, Crandon, WI

DATE: July 24, 2018

TIME:

5:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL: Members Present: Larry Berg (Chair), Cindy Gretzinger
Members Absent: Dr. Susan Moore, Amy Kuebler, Kellee Gallion, Candy Dailey
Others Present: Jill Krueger, Director, Valerie Leighton, Guest
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Berg. Motion by Gretzinger, second by Berg to approve the agenda. Motion carried. (*Attachment #1*)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Gretzinger, second by Berg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.
4. PUBLIC HEALTH ITEMS:
 - A. BUDGET- Current budget is stable. All grants and public health is either at or under 50% at half way as of end of June.
 - B. HEALTH PLAN UPDATE- Physical Activity and Nutrition: We have participated in several events encouraging people to use the trails and get outdoors. Nature Fair at the Crandon Library, Otter Springs Nature Day-partnered with Forestry, Working with Land Conservation on Quiet Waters project promoting canoeing and kayaking, Garden Walk at the Community Garden with Historical Society and Master Gardeners, Working with UW Extension Youth Educator on garden education with youth. Working on harvesting garden produce for the meal site and food pantries with volunteers. Planning a garden open house at Crandon Community Garden in August. Working with Laona School Board to implement a school garden this fall.
Encouraging improvements to parks and playgrounds- helped with a fundraising movie night at the park to raise money for the pickle ball courts renovation. City agreed to match the funding. To encourage walking – several challenges are being promoted: 100 miles, activity, geocaching on the trails. Geocaching seems to be the most popular this summer.
Discussion regarding the Diabetes Prevention Program: In order to implement the new program, staff feel it necessary to evaluate some of our other programs and services. Due to the high incidence of diabetes and the potential for this program to be reimbursable by Medicare, staff feel it should take priority over some of our other services. Board of Health members expressed agreement with the need for the program and the need for program evaluation. One of our goals identified through the strategic planning process was quality programs and services so we will be looking at prioritizing our programs as part of our action planning.
We are continuing to work with Aging to sponsor and support the Strong Bodies exercise program and also will be continuing Walk with Ease programming this fall.
August is Breastfeeding Awareness month and we are planning a breastfeeding conference with Mole Lake WIC. Education on several different topics will be offered. Funding and support for the event will come from Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.
AODA/Mental Health updates: We will be participating in National Night out on August 7th with the Sheriff's Department and will be distributing medication lock boxes and Dose of Reality materials. We are working with coalitions to host another screening of Written off at Crandon School in October. We are working with Oneida and Vilas on updating resources and promoting services to the public. We are writing for the Partnership for Success grant again and will be scheduling another

QPR question persuade refer suicide prevention training in the fall. We are also working with the schools to review YRBS data and recommend strategies to address the top issues. September 7th we will work with Aging to have a social event at the Fair along with displays, food and information.

C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- None

D. STRATEGIC PLANNING- We completed our strategic planning meetings which were facilitated by the Northern Region Department of Public Health. The top goals that were identified:

Improving Communication and expanding public awareness

Secure sufficient resources and funding to sustain programs

Program quality programs and services

Maximize workforce capacity

We plan to finish the plan and an action plan to be implemented over the next four years.

E. PROGRAM UPDATES- Nail care services- 22 people on the program, 8 diabetics. Most of the clients really should be seeing a podiatrist. No trained nurse, no clinic space, certification is \$800 just for the course, overnight and wages. We are looking into other options for community members.

Fluoride Supplements: we are not able to order from our normal supplier so we are setting up an account and will need to contact Dr. Moore.

Reminder 140 Review Wednesday July 25 at 9 am in the board room. Board of Health members are encouraged to attend.

F. HEALTH HAZARDS: Recently we are receiving more complaints regarding vacant and abandoned buildings in the county. We have talked in the past about a joint Zoning and Health meeting to discuss the ordinance and the conditions of a health hazard vs. a public nuisance. The Board is in agreement that the process and ordinance need to be reviewed and recommend Director schedule a joint committee meeting. Director will research examples of ordinances with updated language and contact Zoning to schedule a meeting.

G. MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISCUSSION:

The Health Committee was asked to put this on the agenda as a discussion item. Director gathered the following information from Regional Department of Health and other health departments and shared with the board:

-Definition of medical marijuana (UW Health)

-Report from Marathon County Public Health (shared with Board of Supervisors) including what it is and what has happened in other states and what is the position of national medical associations on medical marijuana.

-National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2017 Statement of Policy: Current research shows both potentially positive health benefits and potentially adverse health affects. NACCHO supports the development of legislation, regulations and policies that include funding research, surveillance, public education, evidenced based health services, using state and local tax funds, youth prevention, regulation of production and sales, clean indoor air policy, coordination with law enforcement and public safety, coordination with behavioral health, prevention and treatment of health disparities. Current research have found its use to be associated with increases in mental health diagnosis and symptoms, worse respiratory symptoms, some cancers, reduced birth weight in babies, increase in motor vehicle crashes, other substance abuse and misuse issues. It has also been found to be associated with helping nausea, sleep and chronic pain.

-JSONline article regarding opioid death reduction and marijuana

-Hudson Star Observer – in response to St. Croix County voting on a cannabis referendum. (references the Marijuana in WI report June 2016)

-Wisconsin State Council of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee Report titled Marijuana in WI June 2016:

Page 6 Executive Summary- Provides recommendations specific to Cannabinoid Research, Legalities and Regulations, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery.

Page 23 The committee agrees with the following statement: “Colorado and Washington serve as experimental labs for the nation to determine the impact of legalizing marijuana. This is an important opportunity to gather and examine meaningful data and facts. Citizens and policymakers may want to delay any decisions on this important issue until there is sufficient and accurate data to make an informed decision.”

After discussion involving the resources provided, a motion was made by Berg that there is not enough research and data to support medical marijuana at this time and the impact to public health needs to be studied more. Gretzinger seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Director was also asked to share this information and resources with Sheriff and Justice and the District Attorney.

5. GRANT UPDATES: WIC: State audit was completed by the state office today. We will need to wait for the final report but the audit went well and there were no major concerns.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: We are working with community partners to review county plans regarding disaster planning and response, communication, and working with Red Cross with sheltering; focusing on how we are going to reach vulnerable populations.

6. OLD BUSINESS- None

7. NEW BUSINESS- None

8. OTHER MATTERS AS PERMITTED BY STATUTE- None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date was set for October 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Gretzinger, second by Berg. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Jill Krueger, Director 7/25/18

Approved _____ by Board of Health Committee