

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER, 500 LAKE STEEL STREET, GREEN LAKE, WI ON WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2008 AT 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Kessler, Elden Dallman, Cindy Skipchak, Sara Mueller, Jeanne Lyke, Karen Davis, Kathy Munsey

EXCUSED: Mary Hansen, Jean Surgey

Certification of Open Meeting Law: The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

Call to Order: Skipchak called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Mueller made a motion to approve the agenda. Kessler-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Dallman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting. Mueller-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances: Amy Ewerdt, CHIPS Student: Committee members were introduced to Amy Ewerdt, CHIPS Student. Ewerdt reported what the CHIPS program includes: Doing nutrition assessments and giving recommendations for healthier living through the employee wellness program. Also fitness assessments, that can be used wherever needed. Discussion followed. Munsey explained the application process for the CHIPS (Community Health Internship Program) program.

Munsey reported that there was additional tobacco funding and would like to use it to have her work an additional 4 weeks developing tobacco awareness. Discussion followed. Committee members will be updated.

Quarterly Report on Health Unit Activities: Munsey presented and explained the annual Health report for Committee review.

Munsey reported that there was an Avian Influenza training held in Appleton held with State personnel. Education was provided on what would happen in such a situation. Discussion followed.

Munsey reported regarding the new recommendations for the Tetanus/Pertussis vaccination. All schools were notified regarding changes. Most schools participated in the mass vaccination. Munsey reported that there was a lower response anticipating that all parents are not aware of the change.

Munsey reported that the Health Unit will be working with Public Health Preparedness, absentee surveillance, starting with Berlin School. Looking for unusual situations, like illnesses. This is done through the consortium starting with one school district and then will be expanded to all schools in the county.

Did receive free bicycle helmets from regional trauma advisory committee. Amy will be going to summer rec program in Green Lake fitting children with the helmets and teaching children bicycle safety. Other municipalities have helmets provided so the focus is on Green Lake.

Munsey reported regarding the bioterrorism consortiums. Munsey reported that right now there are 12 consortiums throughout the State. Counties had to select who they wanted to go with when the consortiums were originally formed. There are some changes reducing to 5 consortiums to match with the 5 State regions. Discussion followed. Munsey will be attending a meeting on Wednesday where more information will be gathered.

Munsey reported that every public health and hospital consortiums for emergency preparedness has to identify an anti-viral treatment center for avian flu pandemic. Specific centers will be set up for vaccinations. The centers need to be identified by December 2008. These centers would be used for those people that are symptomatic for avian influenza or a fly pandemic.

Munsey expressed that there was discussion regarding concerns that well people would be coming in to these mass clinics and the disease may spread more due to the mass crowds mixing the sick with the well. Discussion followed. Munsey reported that meetings are being held to formulate a plan and identify the center. Discussion followed regarding concerns such as parking, patient flow, etc. Committee members will be updated regarding progress.

Flood Issues: Munsey updated Committee members regarding the happenings since the flood situation throughout the county.

Munsey reported that the majority of time is being spent educating public regarding the issues such as clean up, mold, etc.

Van Ness commended Health Unit staff for their diligence in working with the flood issue situation. Discussion followed. Discussion followed more details regarding FEMA and the declaration that Green Lake County was declared a disaster. Individuals that have had damage are to call the FEMA number to register.

Environmental Health Issues/Agent Status Program: Munsey reported that Jamie Bolongia, student, is working this summer with licensing/inspecting rooming house, etc. with the Tri-County Environmental Health consortium.

Discussion followed regarding issues with people who feel that they do not need to license even though they are renting out houses, etc.

Public Health Funding: Munsey did a PowerPoint presentation regarding "Increased State Financing of Governmental Public Health" and explained what the problems are concerning public health and what the goals are to provide additional funding in these areas. Discussion followed. Munsey read the proposed letters that she is recommending Committee members sign and send to the Governor and Secretary in support of this funding through additional taxes. After discussion, Lyke made a motion to support and send the letters supporting passing the proposed additional funding. Dallman-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget: Munsey reported to Committee members that preparations have begun for the 2009 proposed budget. Munsey reported that there are a lot of unknowns with some of the funding sources and amounts. Discussion followed. Van Ness reported regarding the caps on increases for 2009.

Committee Discussion: Magazines from National Board of Health were distributed for Committee review.

Munsey reported that the annual meeting is coming up in July for the Board of Health for the State of Wisconsin.

Munsey updated Committee members that in October 2008, she will be attending the national convention in San Diego, California

Munsey will be attending a special two-day course on Epidemiology while at the conference. Discussion followed.

Future Meeting Date: The next Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 8, 2008 at the Human Services Center.

Future Agenda Items After Action and Discussion: Health Officer Abatement issues, quarterly update, bioterrorism consortiums, reproductive goal

Adjournment: Mueller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kessler-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.