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BOARD OF HEALTH**January 9, 2024**

Acting Board chairperson, Mike Raddatz called the Board of Health meeting to order at 9:08 am. The following members were present: Judi Nigbor, Dr. William Franks, Al Gibeaut, Mike Raddatz, Kathleen McGwin, and Jan Mink. Also present were Jayme Sopha, Health Officer/Director, Jessica Jungenberg, Environmental Specialists, Ron Barger, County Administrator, Dan Buchholz, Director MIS, Sarah Jensen, Public Health Nurse, Jessica DeRosier, Public Health Nurse and Melissa Minnema, Administrative Assistant.

Members Absent: Barb Jordan and Kathy Jo Locke

Introductions were made by those attending the meeting.

Motion by Dr. William Franks, seconded by Kathleen McGwin to approve the agenda as posted and handed out. Motion carried.

No additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 3rd, 2023, Board of Health meeting. The minutes will be filed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**COUNTY CONCERNS**

A written report for the month of October was presented by Jessica Jungenberg. The month of October included the following contacts: 2 contacts-rabies program, 1 quarantine orders and 1 released from quarantine, 5 well water tests called and discussed results, provided DNR well grant information and handouts on well water treatment systems and no radon testing kits, 0 lead contacts, and 20 housing contacts regarding complaints of a no functioning septic, heating or portable water, infestation of bed bugs in apartment complex, and property that has been condemned.

A written report for the month of November was presented by Jessica Jungenberg. The month of November included the following contacts: 6 contacts-rabies program, 3 quarantine orders and 2 released from quarantine. 1 well water test, 0 lead contacts but completed a walk through for a family with a child of a low lead blood level, 0 radon kits. 3 housing contacts regarding complaints of no heat or water, garbage, and abatement orders.

A written report for the month of December was presented by Jessica Jungenberg. The month of December included the following contacts: 6 contacts-rabies program, 2 quarantine orders and 2 released from quarantine, 1 well water test and no radon testing kits, 0 lead contacts, and 2 abandoned building contacts regarding concerns about building being removed and disruption of soil causing issues with drinking water, also DHS contacted requesting information on the property.

AGENT STATUS PROGRAM UPDATE

The month of October included 17 Marquette County inspections, 0 re-inspection, and 4 pre inspection. There were 3 Waushara County inspections, 0 pre inspections, and 3 Green Lake County inspections. Attended 3 trainings.

The month of November included 10 Marquette County inspections, 1 re-inspection, and 0 pre inspection. There were 0 Waushara County inspections, 0 pre inspection, and 1 Green Lake County inspection. Attended 4 trainings

The month of December included 18 Marquette County inspections, 0 re-inspections, and 2 pre inspections. There were 8 Waushara County inspections, 0 pre inspections, and 0 Green Lake County inspections. Attended 4 trainings.

OLD BUSINESS

DISTRIBUTE AND DISCUSS CHA/CHIP BOOKLETS

Jayne distributed copies of the CHA/CHIP booklets. She briefly discussed the process it took to complete this information. An important part of the Board of Health members' job is to advocate for public health in our community. We now have booklets and brochures that the board and department staff can distribute in our community. The Health Department has been distributing the brochures at outreach events and will continue to do so. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

PHEP AND HARM REDUCTION DISCUSSION-Sarah Jensen PHN

Sarah has been working with a DHS program to complete guidelines for local health departments to use during a Public Health Preparedness Emergency. She has also been working with partners to have a plan in place if shelters are needed during an emergency. The Red Cross would help provide supplies but might not be available to help in person due to the other emergencies happening all over the country. Sarah talked about the Ask-A-Nurse Program she does monthly in both Montello and Westfield Schools. She provides resources and education on a different topic each month. The program is going very well and gives the kids a chance to become familiar with the Health Department. Columbia County Health Department has reached out to see how they can get the program started in their county. Sarah also discussed the different services and supplies provided with the Harm Reduction Program. We are part of the Narcan Direct Program, so we are able train and supply people with Narcan. We handed out 76 Narcan kits in 2023. The Health Department is partnering with EMS for a Leave Behind Program, this will help get Narcan into homes that might need it. The Health Department will be supplying the Village of Westfield Police Department with Narcan and is talking to the Marquette County Sheriff's Office and Village of Endeavor about supplying Narcan for them. Jayme stated that the county parks now have sharps disposal boxes installed and that they are being used.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH DISCUSSION-Jessica DeRosier PHN

Jessica talked about the recent GYT Campaign, which provided free STI testing and treatment. The testing sites were held at different locations in the county. Six people were tested, and 180 condoms were handed out. She has been working to get the word out that the Health Department has reproductive health services. We also received a grant that will help us supply local taverns with condom dispensers and condoms. Jessica reported that there has been a 60% increase in Chlamydia cases from 2022 to 2023. She also talked about the Baby 101 Event that was held in Montello and how it went very well. The event had many vendors which provided education and resources to people planning on having children, were pregnant or had a child under the age of one. The event was attended by over 100 people from many counties.

APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR SARAH JENSEN PHN

Sarah Jensen received a scholarship to attend the NACCHO Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on March 25th -March 28th. The scholarship will cover the cost of the conference, travel, hotel, per diem and parking.

Motion by Kathleen McGwin, seconded by Judy Nigbor to approve the out of state travel for Sarah Jensen. Motion carried

BUDGET

BUDGET REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION – Budget Report from Administration through the month of November was presented to the Board of Health members to review. No concerns.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT BILLS – A voucher of expenses for the month of December 2023, was provided for the Board of Health members to review.

UPCOMING EVENTS / ISSUES (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Jayne informed the board that the strategic planning process will be starting soon. She may be reaching out to board members and Ron Barger for their input. Jan Mink, the new citizens board member, talked about her background and reasons for wanting to join the Board of Health. Funding and the time frame for when EMS would be taking over the Car Sear program were both discussed. Family Adventure Day has been set for April 13, 2024.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by acting chairperson, Mike Raddatz at 10:07 am

Minutes submitted by Melissa Minnema