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BOARD OF HEALTH

October 1st, 2024

Board chairperson, Judi Nigbor called the Board of Health meeting to order at 9:06am. The following members were present. Judi Nigbor, Dave Benson, Dr. William Franks, Gary Sorenson, Mike Raddatz, Kathleen McGwin, and Jan Mink. Also, present were Jayme Sopha, Health Officer/Director, Jessica Jungenberg, Environmental Specialists, Sarah Jensen, Public Health Nurse, Ron Barger, County Administrator, Dan Buchholz, Director MIS, and Melissa Hodges, Public Health Technician.

Members Absent: Barb Jordan

Motion by Gary Sorenson, seconded by Dave Benson to approve the agenda as posted and handed out.
Motion carried.

No additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 6th, 2024, Board of Health meeting. The minutes will be filed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gary Sorenson attended a workshop about Public Health at the WCA Conference. There will be significant effort during the budget process to increase PH funding in Wisconsin. He states they are asking Board Members to get on a newsletter from WALHDAB (Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards). They would like to see more participation from the Boards of Health.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

COUNTY CONCERNS

A written report for the month of August was presented by Jessica Jungenberg. The month of August included the following contacts: 4 contacts-rabies program, 1 quarantine orders, 0 released from quarantine. 2 well water tests and no radon testing kits, 12 housing contacts regarding living conditions, dogs running loose, and items scattered throughout the property.

A written report for the month of September was presented by Jessica Jungenberg. The month of September included the following contacts: 12 contacts-rabies program, 5 quarantine orders and 4 released from quarantine. 0 well water tests, 3 radon testing kit, 41 contacts for Lead, 12 housing contacts regarding trash/garbage scattered across a property, mold questions, and individual living on a property without potable water or functioning septic system.

AGENT STATUS PROGRAM UPDATE

The month of August included 28 Marquette County inspections and 1 pre inspections. There were 3 Waushara County inspection and 1 Green Lake County inspections. Four trainings were attended.

The month of September included 3 Marquette County inspections, 2 re-inspections, and 3 pre inspections. There were 5 Waushara County inspections, and 0 Green Lake County inspections. Three trainings were attended.

OLD BUSINESS

HARM REDUCTION/PREPAREDNESS UPDATE-SARAH JENSEN

Sarah discussed that we are in a new 5-year budget cycle for the PHEP program nationwide. Requirements for annual reporting are given to us by the state every year and those have changed quite a bit since last year. She is working on a written sheltering plan for Marquette County as we did not previously have one in place, we had some guidelines because the Red Cross provides most of the emergency sheltering throughout the Country. We are preparing in case a tornado, flooding or other emergency would result in community members needing shelter. Since the Red Cross may be otherwise dispatched during an emergency, then we are making sure we can set up a shelter until they arrive. The Red Cross has sheltering supplies staged across the country if we needed them. We are going to do an exercise with Waushara County, but it has been postponed and will take place during the first part of next year.

Sarah stated that she is also working on a communication plan so we can effectively reach the public in an emergency.

Harm Reduction has had no changes, we are still offering needle exchange. During a Narcan webinar we learned that we would be able to apply again for the fentanyl test strip program in early October, we will be reapplying.

The Naloxone Program no longer require us to train/educate every person receiving these resources. Instead we are to focus more on community saturation (even if education isn't possible). We have reached out to our municipal partners and Oxford, Westfield, and Packwaukee would like to discuss the possibility of a distribution box for Naloxone in those communities. From October 2023 to the end of September 2024 we have given out 166 boxes of Naloxone.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF HIGH DOSE & STANDARD DOSE FLU VACCINE FEES

Jayne discussed the current rates of our flu vaccines, standard dose at \$40 and high dose at \$78. With the prices of the vaccine and reimbursement rate increasing, we need to increase flu vaccine prices, standard dose to \$48 and high dose to \$100.

The Health Department primarily bills Medicaid/Medicare for the high doses, on occasion, some individuals pay out of pocket for Standard Dose.

Motion by Dave Benson, seconded by Mike Raddatz to approve the change of flu vaccine fees. Motion carried.

UPCOMING FLU CLINICS-MELISSA HODGES

Mel discussed that the two big drive thru flu clinics have been scheduled in Oxford for Monday October 7th 9-11:30am at the Fire station, then Montello on October 14th 1-3:30pm at the Highway Department. Registration for the drive thru clinics have been low numbers.

All the school flu clinics are scheduled and still working on scheduling the care facilities in Marquette County.

BUDGET

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

REVIEW DEPARTMENT BILLS – A voucher of expenses for the month of September 2024, was provided for the Board of Health members to review.

UPCOMING EVENTS / ISSUES (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Judi brought up the “Stop the Bleed” event that Sarah is coordinating with one of our nursing students who is a certified Stop the Bleed trainer. The event is happening October 23rd, 2024 at 5:30pm at the Health Department.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by chairperson, Judi Nigbor at 10:02am

Next Board of Health Meeting:

Tuesday November 5th, 2024 @ 9:00am

Minutes submitted by Melissa Hodges