

Cerro Gordo County Board of Health
Friday, February 8, 2013

Present: Barb Kellogg, Vice President
Kristy Marquis, Secretary
Frankie Winegardner

Absent Dr. Johnson, President
Phil Dougherty

Staff: Brian Hanft, REHS, MPA, Environmental Health Service Manager
Kara Vogelsson, MHA, Organizational Development and Research
Manager
Jodi Willemsen, Public Health Preparedness Service Manager
Linda Read, RN, BSN, Family and Community Health Service
Manager
Teresa Symens, RN, BSN, CIC, Chronic Disease Service Manager
Karen Crimmings, RN, CIC, Disease Prevention and Investigation Service
Manager
Kelli Huinker, Health Promotion and Education Service Manager
Cathy Gomez, MBA, Finance & Administration Service Manger
Nola Aigner, MA, PIO Officer

Guests: Sue Ann Nelson, Homecare Aid
Brenda Heinz, LPN, Disease Prevention and Immunization
Krista Hemann, Home Health Nurse
Darla Smith, Home Health Nurse
Mark Mathre, Environmental Health Specialist I

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Service Awards: Barb Kellogg presented Krista Hemann with five years of service award.
Barb Kellogg presented Brenda Heinz 20 years of service award. Barb
Kellogg presented Mark Mathre 20 years of service award.

Board of Health Picture:
Picture was deferred to later date until all members of Board are present.

Minutes: Minutes approved for January 11, 2013 meeting. Motion by Kristy
Marquis, second by Barb Kellogg. Motion Passed.

Approval of FY 12-13 2nd Quarter Reports:
Frankie Winegardner had a few questions. In Disease Prevention &
Investigation Service Section page 8, Under-Immunized Children section.
Seeing the goal is to show an improvement on the percentage on the
immunization and whether you have an improvement and then you drop

back down. Karen Crimmings informed that there are five clinics and each month they do an audit through the IRIS program. Then they check the next month which group of kids dropped off. These are childhood immunization so one month you may have 50 kids and then the next month you have 60 kids behind because they came to another time they were due for immunizations. Frankie Winegardner also, questioned what Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) for Tuberculosis is. Karen Crimmings stated if someone has active Tuberculosis and contagious they have to physically watch them take their medication. The DOT happens either in their home or at Public Health depending on where their infection period is.

Question was asked by Frankie Winegardner about Organizational Development and Research, "collecting and distributed much data the second quarter. Maintaining up-to-date indicators and serving as a resource for the community and for staff is an integral part of this position." When you do that, where does the data go and do we see the data at some point as a board or does this information stay in the department only? Kara Vogelson stated that it depends on who is requesting the data. At times she gets the data for medical students, colleagues in different area organization and internal staff; usually it is all health data and not given to the board.

Comments on Reports:

Linda Read reported that when Penny Bakehouse retired they hired Darla Smith as one of their staff. Home Care Aides also has had a new staff hired and has brought them up to full staff.

Karen Crimmings pointed out on the report that the amount of vaccine that were administered this quarter for all ages was over 100 more than in the past and have seen 200 more clients. Karen feels this is directly related to us being able to submit to private insurances.

Brian Hanft made mention that the most notable activity this quarter in Environmental Health was the presentation of Josh Swiger to the food facilities free of charge. Also, training last week with Department of Inspection & Appeals brought in the FDA and they spoke how they are going to risk-based inspections and active managerial control for their food safety which we started focusing on two years ago.

Kara Vogelson reported that the most exciting thing that happened was writing and being rewarded a quality improvement grant. Small grant but will have a large impact on our department.

Teresa Symens stated the best thing to happen last quarter was Iowa Department of Public Health data reporting system went live on October 1 and become web-based. Also, through our Komen Grant, two women were diagnosed with breast cancer, which shows the value of this grant

and also Care for Yourself program. Mentioned Pink Ribbon Advisory Board (PRAB) and have let the local level be more active in the board and leadership.

Kelli Huinker reported that we were one of four businesses in Mason City to be recognized as a Blue Zone Workplace. She also stated that Health Promotion is working with the department IT person to develop a Smart Phone App that will help identify restaurants based on what their nutritional environment is like.

Jodi Willemsen reported that the Integrated Emergency Management training that was to happen in Maryland last November, but was canceled due to Hurricane Sandy, is now being held in Mason City. NIMS training with new staff members is federally required to ensure we are compliant with federal regulations. Nola Aigner mentioned the YouTube marketing strategies this quarter; first video worked with former Health Promotion intern teaching Howie Staywell healthy snack recipes. Also, worked on the Arsenic Grant video and developed a video on the Strategic Plan was completed.

Cathy Gomez reported on expenses being 51% of allocation and a huge investment in IT with storage, backups, and upgrades. Most of the department is now using Office 10. Revenue is ahead of schedule mainly due to the unbudgeted Komen Grant, Chronic Disease and Linda Read's visits in Medicare.

Motion by Marquis, second by Winegardner to approve 2nd Quarter reports. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Action Items: None

2. Discussion Items: None

New Business:

1. Action Items:

Approval of FY 13-14 LPHS Application.

Local Public Health Service is funding for public health nurses and home care aides with people who don't qualify for insurance or some other type of funding; state and federal legislation affects these funds. This is the application that requests we do the same type of services as in the past which is the Community Health Needs Assessment, homemaker as well as personal care, nursing, two screening programs – blood pressure and blood sugar. Also, requested alternative plan to ask for non-traditional ways to spend money if we have excess money it be put in the nursing program. Another program would be Community Utility; this program helps with finding and tracking referrals for

services that we do not provide. During discussion, question was asked by Winegardner where the money targeted comes from. Linda Read said this money comes from the Iowa Department of Public Health and is money that is local public health service which is used for Community Assessment and Home Care Aide. The money is given where we cannot move it around unless we asking permission ahead of time. The state asks that this come in front of the local public health board. Motion to approve application of LPHS Grant by Marquis, second by Winegardner. Approved 3-0.

2. Discussion Items: None

Core Team Dialogue:

Karen Crimmings updated the Board that Linda Sauer had to retire after 19 years of service due to health issues. Barb Kellogg requests that we find another way to recognize her since she did not make her 20 years.

Kelli Huinker met with the Board of Supervisors to talk about Wellness Program and how we can incentivize the program so that more employees will participate. The Board was in favor of the idea and will look into the budget to see how possibly next year staff will get some type of financial reward for participating in certain wellness activities and provide extra funding in the wellness program.

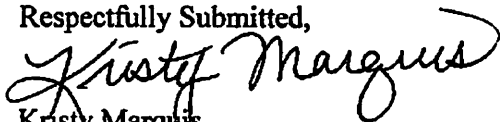
Core Team was adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Deputy Health Director/Board of Health Discussion

The Deputy Health Director was adjourned and Board adjourned immediately thereafter at 1:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2013 @ 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristy Marquis
Secretary