

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 13, 2017



Members Present: Kerri Ackerman, Waukesha Sixteenth Street Community Health Center; Mary Baer, Citizen Member; Dr. Ross Clay, Citizen Member; Dr. Marshall Jennison, Citizen Member

Members Absent: Dr. Steven Andrews, Waukesha County Medical Society; Jessica Kadow, ProHealth Care Community Outreach Hispanic Health Resource Center; and JoAnn Weidmann, Citizen Member

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, Waukesha County Public Health Division, Manager; Benjamin Jones, Waukesha County Public Health Division, Health Officer; Mary Smith, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County; Sarah Ward, Waukesha County Environmental Health Division; and Teri Bull, Waukesha County Public Health Division

AGENDA	TOPICS	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	DATE DUE
Call to Order		Dr. Jennison called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.		
Approval of Minutes		Dr. Jennison moved to review the February 9, 2017, minutes. Dr. Jennison motioned for approval of the minutes: Dr. Clay 1 st and Sarah Ward 2 nd . The motion carried.		
Advisory Committee				
Committee Reports	Health & Human Services Board	No Health and Human Services (HHS) Board liaison is in place. Ben stated Chuck Wood was the new HHS Board Chair.		
	Environmental Health – Sarah Ward	<p>Sarah reported an Environmental Health Well and Septic Sanitarian was retiring on 4/14/17. They were currently filling that position. The recent recruits hired in September/October 2016 were completing their training. They were looking into the usual hoarding complaints. They had to euthanize one dog two to three weeks ago, and they declared their first cat as dangerous last week.</p> <p>Ben added news of the numerous cases of hantavirus identified in Wisconsin and Illinois, which the state traced to pet rats and ratteries in Northern WI and IL. Hantavirus spreads between rats. Although rats have hantavirus for life, it does not affect them. Per Ben, 60% of the tested rats in IL had hantavirus. It transmits from rats to humans through scratches, urine and the air (aerosolizes). The majority of</p>		

		<p>people who contract hantavirus have minor symptoms; however, up to 2% of people with hantavirus may have renal failure and die. Hantavirus is not very common and does not spread from person to person.</p> <p>The state of WI called in the CDC's rat team. So far, it has been one of their most difficult investigations due to the selling and trading of rats. The scope of the investigation is massive, affecting many counties in WI. The state is taking a lax approach. It is not forcing people to test their rats. The state has offered to work with veterinarians, but many veterinarians are unwilling to do tests at their facilities. The rat owner could do an in-home test with a blood strip, but the veterinarian needs to send in the test to the state. People do not have to kill their infected rats; rather, they can keep infected rats in quarantine for the rat's life. Environmental Health identified one person who owns two rats in the City of Waukesha. The owner chose not to test her rats.</p> <p>Per Ben, Waukesha County does not agree with the state's approach of not issuing a statewide emergency rule, which local authorities would follow. Waukesha County Corporation Council looked at hantavirus as a human risk and wrote an order to abate the threat of transmission and mandate quarantine. On 4/12, Jill, the Humane Officer, served this order to the Waukesha County rat owner. The Humane Officer will check in with the woman every 6 months until the rats die. Ben stated this was a potential reservoir of hantavirus in Waukesha County. He noted Waukesha County would now have a protocol for animal environmental issues in Waukesha County.</p>		
	<p>Public Health Division</p> <p>Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney</p> <p>Benjamin Jones</p>	<p>Nancy thanked Dr. Clay and Dr. Jennison for their Unmet Needs Presentation to the HHS Board.</p> <p>Per Nancy, there are changes at the state level for TB dispensary. She noted a letter she received, dated 4/12, which stated the Health Department would be responsible as the first payee. The state would reimburse the Health Department. This will take effect July 1st. Nancy will review its effect on the budget. TB medication is expensive, with a minimum of four doses per person. Four years ago, the TB dispensary ran out of funds. In fact, Waukesha County's expenses depleted the funds due to their treatment of a foreign student with active TB at Carroll University. Nancy will inform the Deputy Director of the letter regarding the changes at their appointment on 4/13. For the pharmacy, Public Health will sign off so Public Health becomes the payee; this is currently not an issue, per Nancy. If clients have insurance, then the clients are to use their insurance.</p> <p>Next, Nancy informed the committee of the Safe Sleep Program under the Maternal Child grant. Public Health went to various centers and in-</p>	<p>Mary Smith shall have a standing agenda item going forward.</p> <p>Committee members shall have the option to send agenda items to Teri Bull, Public Health Clerk.</p> <p>Public Health Advisory Committee members shall notify Ben to register for the June 6, 2017, Infectious Disease Tabletop at Carroll University.</p>	<p>05/11/2017</p>

		<p>home daycares. The community received the program well. Waukesha County had one case of Shaken Baby Syndrome, with neurological involvement. There were more drug-affected infants, which was a big issue affecting Public Health.</p> <p>Nancy is chairing a regional subcommittee of health departments that are seeking accreditation. The WALHDAB Strategic Plan seeks better collaboration between the Health Departments of the SE Region. Nancy developed the Public Health Division's Policy and Procedure template during the 140 Review, and she will share the template with the subcommittee. The template will be helpful for accreditation. The subcommittee asked Nancy about the risks and benefits of accreditation.</p> <p>Nancy opened the discussion on the agenda setting process for the Public Health Advisory Committee meetings. Nancy and Ben wish to report contemporary and important ideas. They seek feedback from the committee members. They would like to hear a dialogue of issues. One suggestion was a roundtable discussion at the end of the meeting to hear about community happenings and increase dialogue. Mary Smith stated she would like to have a standing item on the agenda to speak about ADRC programs. Ben noted committee members could also send agenda items to Teri Bull, Public Health Clerk (email: tbull@waukeshacounty.gov).</p> <p>Ben noted the CHIPP steering committee finished its 3rd of four assessments. The first was impacts of change; the second was NPHPSP, which assessed how the public health system in Waukesha County was working; and the third was community themes and strengths (i.e. quality of life, assets in community). Next month, the fourth assessment will be a review of health data. In June, the steering committee will choose priorities and then take to the community. They are currently revising their communication plan. Julianne Davan, the HHS communications officer, will be leaving her position in three weeks (first week of May).</p> <p>The CHIPP Steering Committee will solicit feedback from the Public Health Advisory Committee this summer. Nancy added she believed CHIPP was a great asset and increased community feedback. The first CHIPP opened up dialogue and awareness of the drug problem. Karrie stated the active participation and engagement of the committee most impressed her, and she saw a definite pattern emerging. Sarah stated she liked how the CHIPP was happening concurrently with the County's communication process, as well as her preference for the smaller size of the steering committee.</p>		
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	Walk in Items	<p>Dr. Jennison thanked Mary Smith and Jessica Kadow for coming to the HHS Board meeting. Mary and Jessica did not have access to the room, however, because the Board ran 30 minutes ahead of schedule. Dr. Jennison stated he was not able to speak to all of his points due to their scheduling.</p> <p>Dr. Jennison said he was not aware hantavirus was in Wisconsin. He recounted the outbreak of hantavirus with young adults in the Navajo region. He asked Ben if they were testing mice, and Ben had not heard about mice being testing.</p> <p>Dr. Clay said the TB Summit conference was excellent. He stated it would give HHS Board members an all-around summary of the complexity of the Health Department if they attended. Nancy and Ben agreed to invite HHS Board members in the future.</p>		
	Adjournment	Dr. Jennison moved to adjourn. Mary Smith 1 st and Dr. Jennison 2 nd . The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.		
	Next Meeting	Thursday, May 11, 2017		