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Public Health Advisory Committee of the
Health & Human Services Board
Thursday, May 14, 2015 - 8:02 to 9:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kerri Ackerman, Waukesha Community Health Center; Dr. Steven Andrews, Waukesha County Medical Society; Dr. Ross Clay, Medical College of Wisconsin; Dr. Marshall Jennison; Jessica Kadow, Hispanic Health Resource Center; and Lee Wipfli, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Counselor at Waukesha Community Health Center.

EX OFFICIO Members Present: Lori Cronin, Board and Commissions; Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, Waukesha County Public Health Manager; Theresa Imp, Waukesha County Public Health Supervisor; Benjamin Jones, Waukesha County Public Health, Health Officer; Mary Smith, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County and Sarah Ward, Environmental Health Division.

MEMBERS ABSENT: JoAnn Weidmann, Co-Member.

EX OFFICIO Members Absent: Joe Vitale, Health & Human Services Board Member.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Clay at 8:02 AM.
- II. The minutes of April 9th were reviewed. The minutes were motioned for approval and seconded.
- III. Committee Reports:

Health & Human Services Report – Lori Cronin

- The HHS Board meet on 4/23/15 to look at the different needs presented by the public and advisory committees, then make recommendations to Mr. Farrow for his consideration.
- The next HHS Board meeting is on 5/14/15.

Environmental Health Report

- There was a Norovirus outbreak this week. Environmental Health received two phone calls on Monday, from unrelated parties. One was from a party of eleven that dined-in on Friday and the other was from a carry-out order on Saturday from same restaurant. Environmental Health initiated contact with the Public Health Division. The second party's incubation period was shorter than the first. Later on Monday, Environmental Health received two additional calls from parties that ate at the suspect restaurant on Wednesday and Thursday. It was stated that it was unusual to have such a high number of people reporting illness. The suspect restaurant is a large one that owns multiple big name restaurants. There was no correlation of the illness with the food, but there was follow through with the food handlers and three servers had been ill over the same period. The health & wellness person from the business voluntarily closed Monday night and did a 240 point norovirus cleaning. The business instituted a check list, and are still using it, regarding employees clocking in being required to report any potential symptoms, or family members with potential symptoms. Environmental Health is working with permission from the State to have up to 20 employees stool tested. The whole kitchen staff is being tested as well as servers and front of the house staff with symptoms. The business also owns an establishment next door, completely separate, not connected, and, on their own, instituted their 240 point Norovirus cleaning there as a precaution. The business has been very cooperative. The business has a staff of roughly 40 people.

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- There was an incident at a dog show at Olympia Resort: Hotel, Spa and Conference Center in Oconomowoc. The dog show brought in 500 people from all over the country. On Friday night, Public Health's nurse on-call received a call from attendee who was a former infection control specialist. The caller noticed people at the dog show with upper respiratory problems. It was noted that week it was very rainy so more dogs were inside than usual. It is normal for the establishment to host dog events. The caller was certain that people were sick with Legionnaire's disease. The Public Health Nurse told the caller that if there was a confirmation of Legionnaire's disease that the Division would hear about because it is a reportable disease. The caller contacted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) herself. The CDC contacted the State Department of Human Services (DHS). The DHS put together a Survey Monkey to review the dog show attendees. The survey received 240 responses. Of those surveyed, 60 reported being ill with upper respiratory symptoms. Of those 60, 20% went to the doctor. Of that 20%, one was diagnosed with pneumonia, and the rest had diagnoses of bronchitis or upper respiratory. The average age of those surveyed was 54 years. A site visit was made with the CDC. Those present: Sarah Ward; a Division Sanitarian; Brian Wozniak, DHS Toxicologist; and Lina Nerlander, CDC Epidemiologic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer. The site visit found no mold and could not pinpoint a source.
- The Division has a Sanitarian leaving, moving out of state. Unfortunately, there are more openings for Sanitaricians than there are applicants. The Division will be advertising for new sanitarian. The Division anticipates a possible retirement later this year also. The preferred degree for a Sanitarian is Environmental and Public Health. A secondary degree would be Biology.
- The Division is gearing up for the budget. For Food Safety and Recreational Licensing through DHS (where an agent agreement lies for Environmental Health for all licensing and collection) there is a proposal to have that portion of DHS merge with DATCP Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The agreement would be for all retail (grocery stores, gas stations, etc.). All departments work off of same food code. The Grocers' Association added an addendum to freeze all licensing fees for two years while the merger goes through. Historically Waukesha County's Environmental Health Division increases their fees 2-3% per year. If passed, after 2 years the Division would be able to increase fees 6%.
- The Dangerous Dog Ordinance went through. The Ordinance has a tiered approach: Dangerous Dog, then Prohibited Dangerous Dog. Prohibited Dangerous Dogs are now banned from Waukesha County.

Public Health Division Report: Nancy Healy-Haney

- Dr. Healy-Haney introduced Theresa Imp, the Public Health Division's new Risk Control Supervisor.
- The Division is beginning preparations for the 2016 Budget. The total Department budget is expected to be below maintenance. The Division has a Public Health Nurse position open and received notification of retirement of a Public Health Technician. The Division will have to hold the positions open until the budget process is done. The Division is currently recruiting for a Public Health Nurse position. Recruitment for this position was already out before the budget process began.
- With advent of the Affordable Care Act, the Division is seeing a decline in direct services to clients. At WALHDAB it was noted that other Health Departments are experiencing the same decline. There is no hard research to back what the Division and other Health Departments are experiencing at this

time. There may be a better picture of what is happening in 5 years when a national or CDC survey may be able to be done. With statistics being down, so is revenue. These changes will impact the development of the 2016 budget. The Division is considering the possibility of converting a Public Health Nurse to a Public Health Educator position to assist in meeting the criteria for accreditation. It is very early in the budget process. The Division is also looking to streamline the budget under Communicable Disease control.

- County Supervisors are meeting today. The Division offered a tour of the Public Health Building.
- Electronic Medical Record (EMR). The Public Health modules brought in by NetSmart were developed for Public Health, but are not refined. The Division has a team of their own tweaking the modules. EMR is to start in the Fall. There is to be a bridge created to transition from the old to the new EMR modules. The Division is also learning uPerform, an electronic recording system to help train employees how to use the new EMR system. In addition, a new electronic payroll system is starting in June, as well as a new County website. Resources are spread thin.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan and Process (CHIPP) for 2010-2015 is concluding in the Fall with a final meeting with the different community agencies. There were 9 agencies with 12 different initiatives. At the Fall meeting the Division will hear from the community agencies: what they have done, what their outcomes were, and what the impact was.
 - CHIPP spawned the Heroin & Other Illicit Drug Task Force. At least 100 people involved in the Task Force. The Division anticipates a huge impact on the county of raising the level of awareness and need of doing interventions, like the distribution of naloxone. Drug drop off sites were saved because of Brad Schimel's, Wisconsin's Attorney General, involvement in the Task Force. The program was going to go away as a non-funded program. When Mr. Schimel became Attorney General, the program was saved.
 - Hospitals are in the middle of a 3-year cycle of Needs Assessment of the community they are serving. (Public Health's cycle is 5 years.) Nancy Healy-Haney & Ben Jones of the Division were asked to be key informants for Aurora, ProHealth, Froedtert and Wheaton. The Division was interviewed as a group. For the 2016-2020 CHIPP, the Division will outreach the municipalities.
- The Division was asked by Martha Stanley in Aurora Summit's marketing group to meet regarding the upcoming 2016-2020 CHIPP. The Division addressed Aurora Summit's CEO, VP of Operations, Chief Medical Officer, and Nurse Officer. It was mentioned that a Communicable Disease Coalition or local CD Summit may be a good idea in the future. The idea of a CD Coalition or Summit was also discussed at the Regional Health Officer's meeting on 5/13/15, regarding Ebola. Milwaukee County was monitoring a woman returning from an Ebola infected country. The woman wound up admitted to a hospital. She answered "yes" at check in at the hospital regarding visiting an Ebola infected country, but no one followed up regarding it. The woman's symptoms were not Ebola related, but she was still within the incubation period. The woman was admitted at a hospital not prepared for Ebola.
- The Division is following up on proper immunizations for healthcare workers.
- Village of Menomonee Falls is entering into a Community Health Assessment for their area and the Public Health Division has agreed to participate. The assessment has a huge area of "built

environment” in it, which would include the Parks & Land Use Division. Tyler Zwagerman, Village of Menomonee Falls’ Planning Technician, will follow up with the Division.

- Heroin and Other Illicit Drug Task Force’s pillars are under a Steering Committee. Nancy is co-chair of the Prevention Pillar. The Prevention Pillar is directed at preventing the first use of youth. The pillar is working on how to prevent this. Other pillars under the steering committee are: Workforce Drug Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, Law Enforcement, and new one: Drug Affected Infants (DAI). The DAI group was established before the Task Force. DAI is working on creating a standardized screening tool so if there is a positive test, there will be: outreach, education, and a formulated work flow so everybody is approached the same, treated the same, and has access to the same resources.
- Dr. Healy-Haney and three other Public Health nurses attended the Tuberculosis Summit presented by the Mayo Clinic. It was excellent. There was discussion regarding new medications, contraindications, follow-up pieces, complications of multi-drug resistant strains. The Division does not have much active tuberculosis reported in the county. The Division has followed up on four active cases this year, including children. Those who are under the age of 5 need prophylaxis so they do not get tuberculosis. This is a challenge because children grow and the dosage needs to be recalculated. It should also be noted that those under 5 develop tuberculosis much quicker. Currently the Division has latent tuberculosis follow-up. This requires direct observation therapy (DOT) 7 days a week which creates staffing challenges over the weekend.
- Vapor Cigarettes are an emerging concern. They were discussed at WALHDAB meeting. Vapor cigarettes are not currently under statutory surveillance. The affects of vapor cigarettes are unknown. Teenage use of vapor cigarettes has increased 3-fold in the last year – 13% are now using. Delicate balance to get covered under Clean Indoor Air legislation without opening up possible changes to what is already in place for regular cigarettes. Greenfield passed ordinance equating vapor cigarettes on the same level as smoking, so they cannot be done indoors. There are bills being introduced at the State level to say vapor cigarettes are okay which would pre-empt all local control so local ordinances against vapor cigarettes cannot be made. This is a hotly debated topic. There are no regulations as to what is put in vapor cigarettes so it is not known what is in them. It was noted that sometimes oil of THC (marijuana) is added. Vapor cigarettes can be purchased in different concentrations. Some do not know, or understand, the different concentrations and wind up smoking the equivalent of 5-6 packs a day which causes some users to become almost psychotic.
- The Division’s Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) numbers are up. The Division is working with Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with treatment. In general, the FQHCs numbers are up and continuing to go up, not just STDs, but across the board. FQHCs are seeing more people that had market insurance and are not making payments resulting in them now falling into the market place and going on sliding fee scale. This is more prevalent with those who have chronic conditions who cannot afford the co-payments. The FQHC is reporting quarterly so it is easier to see the continuing decline. In reporting quarterly it makes it easier to see the problem and hopefully it will result in continued support for the FQHCs.

Public Health Division, CD Section Report: Ben Jones

- The Division is busy with the two outbreaks Environmental Health mentioned in their report.

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- The Division is heading into enteric season with BBQs, etc. The State is being more proactive with assessing enteric infections. For example, 20 salmonella cases were reported in the last week.
- Last week there was an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) exercise to test closed (not open to public, only business) points of dispensing (PODS). PODS were tested at GE Healthcare and Waukesha Memorial Hospital. The concept is: the Division trains the PODS and then the PODS can get the drugs directly from the State to dispense to all of their employees. This benefits the PODS as their employees are not waiting in line at a public mass clinic and they can continue operations. It benefits the Division as well as all those extra people are not standing in line. This exercise was a limited activation of the EOC: HHS & Emergency Management Testing. The Division saw this as a great learning experience for the new County Executive. This exercise is leading up to a very large exercise in June 2016 – a full scale exercise incorporating the entire region exercising both public open PODS and closed PODS, with EOCs activated. The CDC, US Marshals, and FEMA will all be here. At the 2016 exercise, the Division is hoping to get a shipment from Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to see how it will work.
- The Division is receiving Ebola funding. This funding is tied to contract deliverables that the Division needs to produce. One of these deliverables is an exercise that involves all of the disciplines: hospitals, Emergency Medical Systems and the Public Health Division. The Division has until Sept 2016 to meet the requirements. The State is currently monitoring 15 people for Ebola. Ebola counts are going down, but the number of people coming back, potentially exposed, is now probably at its highest level. Guinea and Sierra Leone are the two countries left with reported cases. Mali dropped off the list and Liberia was declared Ebola free last Saturday, no case in 42 days. Sierra Leone and Guinea averaging a total of 25 cases or less per week. In past at one point these countries were up to 100 cases/day. These numbers are drastically down.
- There is a WPHA-WALHDAB conference in the Dells on May 20 & 21, 2015. Nancy & Ben are attending.
- The Bird Flu continues to spread. The risk of it spreading to humans low, but it is still out there. The State released guidelines that states if the Public Health Division needs antiviral prophylaxis or Tamiflu they can get it. The medication will be available for those working closely with it and have no other means of getting medication: no insurance or physician, or can't pay. The Division can get through SNS free. This is now a standing policy that will continue for any flu-like issue.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

IV. Meeting adjourned 9:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,
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