

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, July 14, 2016



Members Present: Kerri Ackerman, Waukesha Community Health Center; Dr. Ross Clay, Medical College of Wisconsin; Dr. Marshall Jenkinson, Kadow, Hispanic Health Resource Center; Mary Smith, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County; Sarah Ward, Environmental Health Division; and JoAnn Weidmann, Co-Member.

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, Waukesha County Public Health Manager; Benjamin Jones, Waukesha County Public Health, Health Officer; and Jan Leuenberger, Waukesha County Public Health.

Members Absent: Dr. Steven Andrews, Waukesha County Medical Society.

Ex Officio Members Absent:

Guests: Mary Baer, Citizen Member; and Caroll Niewolny, Citizen Member.

AGENDA	TOPICS	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	DATE DUE
Call to Order		Meeting called to order by Dr. Clay at 8:05 AM		
Approval of minutes		Dr. Clay motioned for the June 2016 minutes to be approved: Dr. Jennison 1 st and JoAnn Weidmann 2 nd . The motion was carried.		
Advisory Committee	New Member Applications	Dr. Clay brought to the Committee's attention that he is still waiting for news of the new members' approval. The two pending members: Mary Baer & Caroll Niewolny were in attendance as guests and introductions were made.	Dr. Clay to check on approval of new members.	08/11/2016
Committee Reports	Health & Human Services Board	There was no report as there is no Health and Human Services Board liaison.	Mr. Robertson to check into possibility of appointment of a liaison.	08/11/2016
	Environmental Health – Sarah Ward	It was noted a lead sanitarian with the Environmental Health Division, is retiring as of July 22, 2016. Also noted, a new sanitarian will be leaving the Division and another sanitarian will be on paternity leave later this summer. It was pointed out DeAnna Simerly will be the new lead sanitarian. The Division is working on how to cover for these changes and is working on adaptations to how the responsibilities are divvied up.		

			<p>It was brought to the Committee's attention that with the merger between the Department of Health Services (DHS) Food Safety Recreational Licensing (FSRL) section and Department of Agriculture, Trade and the Consumer Protection (DATCP) Division of Food Safety, the Division received a new contract with some changes. Corporation Counsel is in the process of reviewing the contract.</p>		
			<p>The Division is in the middle of preparing their 2017 budget. The Division is determining if fee increases are required for 2017. If fee increases are imposed, they would become effective January 1, 2017.</p>		
			<p>It was brought to the Committee's attention that the Environmental Health Division is part of a voluntary program to collect mosquito samples in order to test for Zika. The Division has ten collection locations in the southern part of Waukesha County. The samples collected are being sent into the State for testing.</p>		
	Public Health Division	Dr. Healy Haney	<p>Dr. Clay brought to the Committee's attention that the 2017 Budget was the first year the Board asked specifics about the Public Health Division's budget and positions. Dr. Clay stated that the Committee will have to wait and see what is presented to the Board and proceed from there. Dr. Clay asked when the Public Health Division's budget presentation was scheduled to be held. Dr. Healy-Haney stated the meeting will be held on Friday, July 15, 2016, in room #271 of the Health and Human Services Building and is open to the public. Dr. Clay stated that details of the budget will be deferred until next Committee meeting.</p>		
			<p>Public Health Personnel was the next agenda item. Discussion deferred until after the budget has been presented to the Health and Human Services Board. Of note: two new nurses have been hired by the Division and staff turnover continues.</p>		

		<p>For the benefit of two new advisory members pending appointment, an overview of the Public Health Division for was given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level I portion includes a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Environmental Health Division. • The Division is a Level II Health Department and needs to maintain this for grants needed for budget. • The Division is doing preparations to be ready to apply for Accreditation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted a possibility of Accreditation being linked to grant receipt in 2020. One quarter of the Division's budget is received from Grants. • Challenges for the Division to meet Accreditation were discussed. 	<p>Nancy Healy-Haney to bring <i>Public Health Accreditation Board Standards & Measures</i> books to the next Advisory Committee Meeting.</p>	<p>08/11/2016</p>
		<p>There was discussion regarding Zika and its increased risk of microcephaly when contracted while the mother is pregnant. In Waukesha County 59 people were tested. Of the 59 tested, 80% were pregnant women. There were two people who tested positive for Zika in Waukesha County, they are not pregnant. In the State of Wisconsin there were nine who tested positive for Zika. Discussion turned to concern over the Summer Olympics being held in Brazil. It was noted that August to early September is considered Brazil's winter so there should be less mosquitos and the risk of a massive outbreak is considered extremely low.</p>		
	<p>Benjamin Jones</p>	<p>Elizabethkingia is still of concern. In Waukesha County there were 17 cases and five deaths. Statewide there were 67 cases, 19 deaths. Most of those who have died were those with serious health conditions. It was brought to the Committee's attention that a Behavioral Scientist will be at Health and Human Services, Public Health Division, to hold a focus group to try to determine the source of Elizabethkingia. The Focus Group will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.</p>	<p>Elizabethkingia Focus Group</p>	<p>July 20, 2016</p>
		<p>Note: Mary Smith left the meeting at 8:55 am.</p>		
		<p>Committee Members expressed concern over a potential drop in immunity status with enactment of the Affordable Care Act. Keri Ackerman noted many individuals sign up for insurance in January to avoid penalties then drop the insurance in February or March because they cannot afford the premiums. Once the insurance lapses, these individuals go back to the clinic for services because they then qualify for sliding scale fees. Much discussion ensued regarding this shift.</p>		

			Caroll Niewolny suggested an article in the Freeman regarding immunizations.		
			The tuberculosis program has been a significant drain on the Public Health Division's resources. There has been a lot of latent tuberculosis, and one multi-drug resistant case. The multi-drug resistant case is scheduled to be completed on Friday, July 15, 2016. It was noted this case has been a huge drain on the Division's finances. Of note, the treatment given to this client helped keep her alive. It was brought to the Committee's attention that religion was a barrier to this multi-drug resistant client's care. It was suggested that the Communicable Disease Supervisor give an overview of the case to the Committee.	Cindy Barfknecht to present to the group on the tuberculosis cases.	August 11, 2016
	Walk in Items		none		
	Adjournment		[9:18 am]		
	Next Meeting		August 11, 2016		