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Winnebago County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2021
Public Health Office
8:00 a.m.

Dr. Ostercamp called the meeting to order. With the announcement of a Quorum. Members in attendance were Sandy Mireles, Dr. Ostercamp, Susan Smith, Sonja Rank, and Stephanie Swenson. Absent none. Also present was Julie Sorenson and Allison Rice.

There were no addition to the agenda.

There were no corrections to the October 15, 2021 minutes, motion by Smith, second by Swenson, all ayes motion carried.

FY23 IDPH Grant Erin Barkema: Barkema was unable to attend this meeting and Julie explained that the starting in FY23 the monies from IDPH would need to be spent on population health instead of non-population health. Barkema will be at the next meeting to explain in more details to the board the time line.

Governance:

Julie Sorenson, Administrator/Financial Manager, presented the end of October fiscal report.

Practice fiscal oversight: End of October—Julie Sorenson

Public Health-Nursing & EH

Revenue Department – \$156,645.10 (32.31%)

Expenses Department -\$111,731.65 (31.65%)

Fund Balance: \$123,736.04 (includes 1st quarter of 62,500)

Administration: Julie informed the board all billing is up to date, board noted.

Communication/IT: Julie signed the contract with MatrixCare for the new EMR program. Estimated live date will be May 2, 2022. Brody is working with Julie to order tablets to meet the requirements for point of care charting, board noted.

Workforce: We had 12 admission and 13 discharges for October. The agency had 289 skilled nursing visits and 428 home care aide visits for October. Admission and visits are down due to the hospital not doing elective surgeries due to COVID-19 surge.

Community Assessment & Planning: Discussion on the upcoming webinars on COVID19 with IDPH, IHCA, and partners.

Evaluation:

Allison reported on Deyta for October 83 evaluations with no comments, BOH noted.

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease:

COVID19: Allison and Julie discussed with the board the situation with the COVID 19 virus. Numbers are increasing in the county. Agency will start on Monday, November 29 Peds clinic for 5-11 by appointment. They will be receiving the Pfizer vaccine.

CMS Mandatory Covid-19 policy: Julie discussed with the board that the new mandate states if you received any CMS Medicare or Medicaid monies your agency will have to comply and have your employees show proof of vaccination for Covid-19 or have a medical or religious exemption to continue to receive CMS funding. With the help of Iowa Home Health Association and the county attorney, Julie worked on the policy to follow the guidelines. (See attached) A motion was made by Mireles, second by Swenson to approve the COVID-19 Vaccination Mandatory Policy. Roll call taken. Ayes: Smith, Swenson, Mireles, Ostercamp. Nays: None. Abstained: Rank Julie also discussed that there are 10 states including Iowa that have filed an appeal against the mandate she will keep the board informed when she hears more.

Food Inspection Report: There was one report for the month of October board reviewed and noted.

Protect against Environmental Hazards:

Grants to Counties: A motion was made by Rank to approve the revised Grant to Counties policy to add the statement about well assessment and shock chlorination, second by Smith, all ayes and motion carried.

Ron Kvale's sanitarian report was review, no questions or concerns, board noted.

Prevent Injuries: We still have Radon Kits available for \$9.00, must call the office before picking them up due to limiting people in the front lobby due to Covid.

Promote Health Behaviors

Clinic held at the agency are: Mondays-Peds Clinic, Tuesday-Flu Clinic, Thursday and Friday will be Covid Clinic. These clinics are by appointment for 1-4 in the afternoons. We have put on hold all foot clinics at Mills Harbor and Forest Plaza due to Covid 19. We are doing immunizations and foot clinics in the office with appointments. We also do foot clinics in their homes. First Steps Winnebago County staff Beth and Melissa are back doing in person home visits with their families with some video chats at the family request.

Other Business: Julie shared information from NICAO quarterly report for maternal health, I-Smile, and WIC, board noted.

Motion by Swenson to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 am second by Mireles, motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday January 21, 2022 at 8 am.