

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Room 3220, Administrative Center, 400 4<sup>th</sup> St. N.

6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Hampson, Bill Brockmiller, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, David Trapp, Jill Billings, Monica Kruse, Margaret Wood

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Bill Feehan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Dean Ruppert, Sara Koopman, Renee Weston, Amanda Klocke, Dave Geske, Amiee Gabriliska, Marilyn Hempstead

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Acknowledge Service of Retiring Board Members**

Chair Hampson expressed gratitude and the best of luck to the four members who are retiring from the board: Jim Glasser, Jill Billings, Margaret Wood and Bill Feehan. Jim Glasser was presented with a plaque to honor his 27 years of service.

#### **March County Board Action**

None reported.

#### **Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings**

- Supervisor Wood attended a National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) meeting in Bowling Green, OH. At this meeting position statements were prioritized in three areas: 1) health disparities, 2) merging of public health agencies with other types of human service agencies; and 3) training certification of local board of health members. There is an opportunity for board members to serve on the Public Policy Committee that is being developed.
- Supervisor Wood attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ned E. Baker Lecture in Public Health "Telling the Public Health Story: How to Affect Policy, Engage Elected Officials, and Inspire Citizens" on March 29.
- Supervisor Wood advised that NALBOH is accepting applications for board of health members to serve on the National Environmental Health Policy Committee. Another opportunity for board members is to participate in the grass roots advocacy network for health housing.
- Supervisory Wood advised that she and Supervisor Kruse will be attending the WI Public Health Association (WPHA) and WI Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) 2012 Annual Conference "The Changing Face of Public Health: Preparing for the Future" on May 21-23.
- The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual NALBOH Convention will be held in Atlanta, GA, August 8-10. Supervisory Wood has forms available for silent auction contributions.

#### **Nancy Pohlman Nominated to Participate in Leadership Academy for Middle Managers**

Jason Witt advised that Family & Children's Section Manager Nancy Pohlman has been nominated to participate in the national Leadership Academy for Middle Managers in Denver, CO, May 6-11. Nancy will be representing Wisconsin as one of three Child Welfare Managers chosen from selected counties. Nancy will be trained in applying leadership skills for implementation of sustainable systems change to improve outcomes for children, youth and families.

#### **National Mental Health Awareness Month in May**

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. A calendar of events in our community that involve our Mental Health Recovery Services staff or vendors is provided in the board packet.

#### **National Foster Care Month in May**

May is National Foster Care Month. The Board expressed admiration and appreciation to foster parents for all the work they do for children and families. The Human Services Department is sponsoring a picnic on May 24 for foster parents and their families. To increase awareness of the need for foster parents, the Department will be distributing 1,400 brochures from the Turn a Life Around campaign to the participants in the Festival Foods La Crosse Fitness Festival.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution Re: Request Wisconsin Department of Health Services to do a Health Impact Assessment of Frac Sand Mining on Public Health**

This resolution encourages Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, Representatives Doyle and Billings, and the Wisconsin Counties Association to support requiring the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to conduct a health impact assessment of frac sand mining hazards and to develop recommendations for actions to protect public health if needed. This is part of a statewide effort by various Wisconsin counties to encourage a health impact assessment due to concerns that emissions from large sources in Wisconsin may be high enough to expose the public to health hazards. A similar request to move forward with an assessment was submitted to legislators last year but the Secretary of Natural Resources deemed it unnecessary. Glasser advised there are studies of occupational hazards, but there is no data to support risk without definite exposure. Supervisor Billings advised that it is important to the public to have an assessment to further define any potential risk. **MOTION** by Brockmiller/Kruse to approve the Resolution Re: Request Wisconsin Department of Health Services to do a Health Impact Assessment of Frac Sand Mining on Public Health. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan excused.

## BOARD EDUCATION

### **Policy, Practice, People – Expanding Range and Complexity of Commercial Animal Establishments**

Presentation by Amie Gabrielska, Animal Control Supervisor for the Coulee Region Humane Society, and Dave Geske from the Health Department. Many initiatives are in the works and ordinance suggestions in these areas will be presented to the Board as they are developed:

- With more animal boarding and pet sitting businesses being conducted out of the home, code standards are being developed to regulate these operations which are not currently being monitored for licensing, vaccinations, etc. Dave Trapp advised the insurance industry will be tightening up on pets in the home through increased homeowners' premiums for pet owners beginning in 2013.
- Commercial Animal Stable requirements to guide licensing are near completion.
- Standards are being developed for potential Reptile Breeding Facilities. Federal regulations in 2011 banned interstate transport of specific breeds (mainly pythons) which will cut down on some breeding operations since they cannot be transported out of Wisconsin. These federal regulations apply to rescue situations as well.
- WI State Act 90 regulates breeding facilities, rescue facilities and human societies, however, we need to have something in place to regulate rescue organizations and foster homes that do not have an actual facility as these fall outside of the Act 90 animal facility requirements. These additional regulations will allow Animal Control to inspect these operations and make sure the animals in their care are properly cared for.

Amie advised that the national stats reflect dog bites to children (males) between 6-9 years of age in the area of 60%. La Crosse stats reflect 12% dog bites to children 18 years and under. Amie attributes the low occurrence of dog bites in La Crosse to the awareness brochure and education that is provided to our community and grade schools.

### **Accreditation Domain 2 Investigate Health Problems and Environmental Public Health Hazards**

Doug Mormann reported on Domain 2 of the accreditation process, which is "Investigate Health Problems and Environmental Public Health Hazards". He presented criteria on meeting the following standards:

1. Conduct timely investigations of health problems and environmental public health hazards;
2. Contain/mitigate health problems and environmental public health hazards;
3. Ensure access to lab and epidemiologic/environmental public health expertise and capacity to investigate and contain/mitigate public health problems and environmental public health hazards; and
4. Maintain a plan with policies and procedures for urgent and non-urgent communications.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> in the series of presentations on the 12 Domains of public health service that are measured as part of the National Accreditation process for local health departments.

Discussion on bringing to a future meeting a presentation on disaster preparedness, including the chain of command in the event of a disaster, an overview and presentation from a 9-1-1 staff person, and possible tour of the 9-1-1 call center.

### **Income Maintenance Centralized Document Processing Unit (CDPU) Follow Up**

Jason Witt provided an update on the Income Maintenance Centralized Document Processing Unit (CDPU). On March 9, Human Services Directors from the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) consortium provided Department of Health Services (DHS) Deputy Secretary Kitty Rhodes with a memo outlining concerns regarding performance issues with the state CDPU. These issues were reiterated again during a state site visit to La Crosse on April 4.

The state seems to lack an effective quality assurance system to check for accuracy in the coding of scanned documents and is relying on staff calling in to report errors. WREA staff are tracking CDPU errors on a weekly basis to make sure the problem isn't minimized. It appears that the majority of other county consortiums are not using CDPU anymore due to its high error rate. At this point, DHS directed the CDPU to continue scanning case documents, but changes in process have been made where the CDPU is now only doing general coding. This shifts the work to consortia staff to separate documents and place into the correct client file. Despite the workload shift, there appears to be no plans to transfer funds from the CDPU to consortia for consortia staff taking on these tasks. DHS reports they are confident the technical issues will be fixed by the end of April. But what is unclear is whether DHS will reverse the workload shifts.

WREA is working with the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) and the Economic Support Policy Advisory Committee (ESPAC) to speak on our concerns in a coordinated voice to resolve the CDPU issues. WREA also requested information from the state on the process for requesting 2013 funding. WREA feels strongly that adjustments are necessary in order to better equalize resources among consortia.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

#### **Health Department Written Director's Report**

#### **Human Services Written Director's Report**

**MOTION** by Kannenberg/Glasser to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan excused. Supervisor Trapp would like a future agenda item regarding the health county ranking system from 2008-2012.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Brockmiller/Kruse to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan excused.

#### **Minutes**

Health and Human Services Board 3/6/12  
Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 3/14/12  
Labor/Management 2/28/12  
Family Policy Board 2/6/12  
Family Policy Board Executive Committee 2/6/12  
Mental Health Recovery Services Advisory Council 2/9/12

#### **Fiscal**

Health Department Budget Summary for 2011  
Human Services Budget Summary for 2011  
Vendor Audit Compliance Report

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Health County Ranking System from 2008-2012
- Disaster Preparedness including 9-1-1

### **ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012**

**MOTION** by Brockmiller/Wood to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan excused. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Approved,** May 8, 2012, Renee Weston, Recorder.