

Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Roll Call: Chairman Marjory Sheckler, Gari Lorenz, Brian Simmons, Katie McGovern, Jim Tippet, Amanda Schultz, Gloria Wall, Sharon Steele, Michelle Breuer, Judy Powell.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Sheckler. Posting of meeting notice verified. Motion by McGovern to approve agenda and minutes, second by Lorenz, motion carried.

Guest Speaker – Brian Simmons, Infection Control, Crossing Rivers Health

- Brian has been working on risk assessments regarding infectious diseases over the last couple years. These include multiple drug resistant infections and hospital related infections (catheter related and surgical site infections) Brian has been working with staff to reduce multi drug resistant organisms such as C. diff and MRSA, managing antibiotic usage, response to disease outbreaks, respiratory etiquette, employee illness, hand hygiene and construction remodeling safety issues. This work involves working closely with Public Health. Brian and Public Health are currently working on C. diff reduction.

Introduction of Lisa Cummer, BSN, RN

- Lisa introduced herself to everyone. She has been working as a nurse for 25 years and is very happy to be joining the Public Health team. She will be taking over mental health responsibilities.

Old Business –

- 2016 Mosquito Control contract was shared and signed by Gloria Wall and Marge Sheckler.
- Public Health did not need to monitor person returning from Africa as there was no Ebola disease in Sierra Leone where the person was stationed.

Public Health Preparedness

- Public Health continues to work on mass fatality. Meeting was held to review the plan and it was approved by LEPC.
- Hoffman Hall will be used as the family assistance center. Security is good there. Communication issues are being discussed.
- The state mandated health care coalition Crawford County is part of reaches to counties north of Crawford. Meetings are usually held in Lacrosse.
- Emergency supplies go bad if stored for long time (not in active use) so the practice is to rotate supplies.
- Working closely with local Salvation Army for sheltering.
- Budgets continue to be monitored and cut where possible.
- Mass immunization exercise phase two has started.

New Business –

- Crawford County Public Health now has a Facebook Page.

Home Health Care Report – Amanda Schultz

- The annual advisory meeting is coming up. Gloria normally attends this meeting.
- Census is up. There have been a lot of joint replacements and heart conditions.
- Bili blankets are used for jaundice newborns. Home Health is purchasing a second one.

Director's Report

- CPR – In 2015 Public Health has trained and educated over 100 people.
- At the Gays Mills immunization clinic an educational subject is presented. December we educated on influenza.
- Possible bed bug found in Prairie du Chien, waiting on confirmation from the State. There is a list of exterminators that deal with bed bugs on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website. There was also an infestation at a camp in Boscobel this past summer.
- Tobacco meetings in LaCrosse are being changed to mainly teleconference meetings with three in on-site meetings.
- An exercise will be held in May on disease outbreak and responding to it.
- Recent flooding has not affected residences in Crawford County. No well water tests kits were handed out. Some roadways were affected.
- An active shooter training was held for Crawford County staff recently. A public notification system for the administration building is being looked at by the Crawford County board in response to this training.
- Governor Walker signed law which allows a First Responder to operate at their level of license as one member of a two-person legal ambulance crew. The local volunteer ambulances are re-writing their operational procedures to send to the state for approval.

County Board Update - none

Approval of Bills

- Motion by Lorenz to approve bills, second by Sheckler, motion carried.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Lorenz, second McGovern, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele
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