

Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Roll Call: Gari Lorenz, Wayne Jerrett, Jr., Donald Stirling, Joe Morovits, Rose Bauer, Katie McGovern, Gloria Wall, Sharon Steele, Judy Powell, Lisa Cummer, Michelle Breuer

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lorenz. Meeting notice verified by Lorenz. Motion by Jerrett to approve minutes of previous meeting, second by Lorenz. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcomed new committee members, Wayne Jerrett, Jr and Don Stirling. Introductions were made.

Guest Speaker – Joe Morovits, Crawford County Coroner

- Power of attorney ceases to exist the moment a person is pronounced dead. Joe passed out a new authorization form that is used for final disposition.
- Public Health and the Coroner work together on medication disposal. Joe has a lockbox that is used when medications are turned into Public Health while waiting for proper disposal.
- There were two drug overdoses in the last two years.
- There is a new program connecting pharmacies. A pharmacy is able to see what medication was filled at other pharmacies. This is especially helpful when filling narcotics.
- At follow up appointments Mayo Clinic Doctors will ask patients if they used their prescribed medications. If they haven't, patients will be asked to bring them back to clinic for proper disposal.
- The coroner will collect medications and dispose of them when a death happens in the home.
- Gloria will be talking at Mayo Clinic about opiate use in our county on June 21. There have been instances when naloxone has been used for overdoses in the county.
- In the case of an unclaimed body the body is cremated. Crawford County has not had one yet. It is just a matter of time.
- The mortuary cooler that was recently purchased through a Public Health grant has been used twice in our community.
- Crawford County has Mass Fatality Protocol in place as well as plans for a Family Assistance Center. For every death, 8-9 people typically come to a Family Assistance Center to find out information about their loved ones.
- Sannes Skogdalen nursing home was successfully evacuated during the 2008 flood without incident.

Old Business

The tire collection held was successful.

New Business, Public Health Preparedness and Director's report.

- PHP year ends in June 2016. Mass vaccination exercise is complete and went well.
- There will be an Ebola exercise in LaCrosse on June 29th that Public Health will be involved in.

- Staff and emergency medical personnel have been collecting travel history during emergencies for disease prevention.
- We continue to work on capabilities for Public Health Preparedness within volunteer management, mass fatality and mass care.
- The State would like all Public Health Departments to become accredited. The Health Committee and staff have not been in favor of this. The cost is enormous and time consuming. It would not be fiscally responsible for our department to do this. Larger Health Departments have tried to become accredited and were not successful.
- A 140 Review is done by the State every five years. We provide them with evidence to prove we are completing our objectives. The State also reviews us yearly on site. They will be here June 27th.
- Contracts with the State are for Childhood Lead, Immunization, Maternal Child Health (focusing on decreasing smoking rate.) Our current limited agent contract is to inspect campgrounds, hotels, tourist rooming houses, prepackaged food establishments and vending equipment storage for food safety violations. We are working towards agent status with Vernon County to enable us to do inspections of all establishments selling food. We contract with Human Services for mental health services and Wauzeka School District for school nursing. We applied to North Crawford School District to do school nursing there but haven't heard anything.
- Crawford County Environmental Health Profile and County Road Maps and Rankings data was passed out. The County Road Maps and Rankings data, which is a national compilation, is skewed due to our rural area and low population.
- We continue to operate our short term (one day to two weeks) equipment loan close which is mainly used by people waiting for their ordered equipment to be received and when family/friends are visiting. Medicare use to pay for this equipment for a patient. Unfortunately, Medicare is longer covering some of this equipment so the family must purchase it on their own.
- Patients are being discharged from the hospitals earlier and fewer are qualifying for home health care services which puts the burden on the family.
- We have a No Wrong Door Policy. If a person comes in for something we cannot provide, we connect them to the appropriate resource so they can get the services they need.

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Motion by Lorenz and second by Jerrett to approve bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Lorenz, second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele
Administrative Assistant