

Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Roll Call: Chairman Marjory Sheckler, Gari Lorenz, Katie McGovern, Dave Geske, Joe Morovits, Gloria Wall, Deanna Wallin-Sander, Sharon Steele

Meeting called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Sheckler. Meeting notice posted but not announced on radio. Agenda and minutes approved. Motion by Sheckler, second by Lorenz. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker – Dave Geske, LaCrosse County Health Department

- Handed out report
- Dave Geske and Crawford County Public Health have had a great working relationship for 36 years.
- The CDC estimates the cost of one case of the LaCrosse Virus would pay for ten years of control and prevention activities.
- Educating people over the last 10 years has been beneficial. We've seen less than three cases a year.
- Lymes disease is the tic borne disease we see the most in our area.

Old Business

- Public Health is moving forward with the Transient Non-Community Well Water program.

Public Health Preparedness –

- Joe Morovits, Coroner reported that Gloria Wall was able to get funding so Crawford County could have a portable mortuary cooler for mass fatalities. Joe said this will be housed at the sheriff's storage shed by the city shop. This is large enough to store three bodies. It will also be used for bodies that need to go to autopsy, criminal cases, unclaimed bodies, and funeral home would be able to rent space if needed.
- Joe reported on 2014 deaths– 7 were accidental, 5 suicides and one homicide (which was associated one of the suicides). In the last seven years Crawford County has had 23 suicides.
Joe will present information on suicide prevention at Seneca Wellness Days.

New Business -

Home Health Care Report – Twila retired – no replacement at meeting.

- Hospital is moving in June.

Director's Report

- Sierra Leone aid worker will be coming home early March instead of the end of February. Ebola cases are down. She hasn't been working directly with ebola patients, but has been handling the general medical care. She will be isolated for 21 days after leaving Sierra Leone.
- Statically sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancies are up.
- Head lice and scabies are in community.

- E-cigarettes are being studied and hopefully will be put in same category as other tobacco products for regulation.
- Gloria Wall and Deanna Wallin-Sander appeared before the finance committee to request a donation towards a vision machine. A machine is currently being borrowed from other schools to conduct vision screenings on preschool children. Seneca and Wauzeka lions clubs have been fundraising so a vision screener could be purchased for Crawford County. The Lions Club from Wauzeka, Seneca, Soldiers Grove and Gays Mills has each made a donation commitment. It is unsure about the donation from Prairie du Chien. It is possible that donations will also be received from other organizations. The machine would be owned and maintained by the County and stored at the Administration Building. The committee felt that the easiest thing to do would be to pay for the machine in full and then use the donations to offset the cost. The plusoptiX S12C mobile vision screener has been ordered. This machine is a screening tool we will use to determine if the child should see an eye care professional for an exam. Early intervention has been beneficial. Gloria spoke at the lions club meeting. We have a great partnership with the lions clubs. Gloria spoke at the last meeting and has people interested in volunteering their time. Prevent Blindness will certify those that will run the machine.
- Flu – In Wisconsin there have been six flu deaths of children.
- Eighty-one percent of the school aged children in Crawford County have been immunized against the measles.
- Our CPR instructors are being trained this month.
- Jail staff questioned what other counties do for record retention
- Jail asked about how long their medical records were to be kept. Some medical records need to be kept forever. Corp counsel says 7 years but some medical records must be kept forever or patient has been dead for 50 years. Sauk County keeps their jail records for eight years (one year past law requires).
- Preparedness consortia are being reorganized. We will now be with a group meeting in LaCrosse.
- Judy and Gloria will be attending isolation and quarantine class. We will follow the isolation and quarantine procedures from Dane county.

County Board Update - none

Approval of Bills

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

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sheckler, second by Lorenz, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele
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