

Board of Health Minutes April 11, 2019

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Nicholas Muench, Randy Vogel and Dave Nickels
Excused: Dr. Todd Nelson, Kayla Drumm, Shannon Wanek and Dr. Brian Konowalchuk. Also attending: Mary Halada, and Alyson Korinek & Erin Lenzner, Nursing Students.

Regular Business:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Metzger at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the March 14, 2019 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Randy Vogel and seconded by Shirley Fessler to approve the minutes. Motion carried. There was no public comment.

Cath Tease, ReThink: The Changing Face of Tobacco

- Electronic smoking devices are being utilized by students and have been an issue in schools. One out of 5 high school students have tried e-cigarettes. The electronic devices are similar to jump drives, highlighters and other common school supplies so students can use them in class and it is discrete. Most students (85-90%) start because of the 17,000 + flavors to pick from. They are not aware that electronic smoking can be addictive because of the nicotine content. There are many other chemicals in the “juice” and it is currently not approved by the FDA as a smoking cessation device. The supplies for the electronic smoking devices do not have to be placed behind the retail counters and are typically placed near the candy supply.
- Strategies to discourage utilization of electronic smoking devices:
 - Join the Substance Abuse Prevention coalition
 - Share the Tobacco is Changing campaign
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/tobaccoischanging/index.htm>
 - Write letters to the editor
 - Involve youth
 - Educate community organizations & policy makers

Health Officer Report

- Communicable Disease Report: Mary shared the 1st Quarter Communicable Disease report which included Chlamydia, Influenza Hospitalizations and Gonorrhea as top most reported diseases. There was discussion that social dating applications available for downloading to mobile devices may be contributing the rise in sexually transmitted diseases.
- County Health Rankings: Mary shared the County Health Rankings report which ranks each county in the nation and illustrates how where we live affects how well and how long we live. Manitowoc County ranked 43rd overall for Health Outcomes and this was an improvement from 49th last year, however our data from the 30 different measures is similar to last year.

- Discussion and Approval to accept the State Health Assessment Community Dialogue grant: WI Department of Health Services (DHS) is offering a \$5,000 grant to local health departments to help collect feedback from communities around the state about quality of life and what is important to the community. This information will be helpful to both local agencies and WI DHS. Dave Nickels made a motion to apply for and accept the grant funding if awarded to the health department. The motion was seconded by Shirley Fessler. Motion carried.

WIC Director Report

The final caseload for February was 1,006 participants and 573 families. The initial caseload for March is 999 participants and 569 families. The contracted caseload is 1,106. The health department received the initial WIC budget allocation from the state. We received an increase in funding as the state changed the formula to calculate our allocation, however we will need to maintain 96.5% of our current caseload of 1,106 in order to maintain that funding level. There is also money designated for outreach and suggestions were made to target qualifying populations.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting date for the Board of Health is scheduled for June 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Nickels and Shirley Fessler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Fessler
Secretary (Minutes compiled by Mary Halada)