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Board of Health Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Sauk County Board Room, 505 Broadway, Baraboo WI

REGULAR MEETING



Public Health
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Members Present: Patricia Rego, Donna Stehling, Rebecca Klitzke, Thomas Dorner, Kiana Beaudin, Ken Carlson
Members Absent: Diane Reinfeldt
Others Present: Tim Lawther, Cathy Warwick, Amy Elizabeth Merwin, Shayna Dye, Amanda Hanson (via a Zoom connection to present for Justice, Diversion, & Support Program) Bev Albrecht, Ben Miller, Sasha Ripley, Annette Abel,
Public: Rob Nelson (District 18), Bill Stehling

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Patricia Rego, Board of Health Chair. Certification of the open meeting was noted.
2. Motion by Rebecca Klitzke, second by Tom Dorner to approve the Board of Health Agenda, and move the Directors report to C. immediately following the Justice Diversion and Support presentation, for July 08, 2020. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Tom Dorner, second by Rebecca Klitzke to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2020 Board of Health meeting. Motion carried.
4. **Communications:**
 - a. Email: Baraboo News Republic, "Sauk County Health delays next phase of reopening due to COVID-19 data." ~06/10/20
 - b. Email: Baraboo News Republic, "Sauk County drug court graduate: The program is just amazing." ~ 06/30/20
 - c. Email: "Follow-up Information from June 10, 2020 BOH Meeting" ~ 07/02/20
 - d. Email: "Not in My House alcohol awareness campaign launched!" ~ 07/07/20
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Business Items for Discussion and/or Action:**
 - A. Shayna Dye, Environmental Health Manager, shared that Environmental Health had received a request to license a facility who would house venomous snakes in the Sauk City area. Pursuant to Sauk County Ordinance Chapter 27.010: Keeping of Certain Restricted Animals, this type of facility requires a license from the Environmental Health Department. Shayna reached out to the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection and other counties to inquire about their fees on this type of license. This would be the first license type of its kind in Sauk County. The ordinance was reviewed by the Board of Health and discussion surrounding what the initial inspection would include, the time that it would take to conduct the inspection and required paperwork were considered. Also noted that an emergency plan should include notification to the local medical center and/or hospital so they could be prepared in the event of an accident/bite/escape of the animal so that a plan to obtain anti-venom could be on their radar. It was also requested that Shayna reach out to Texas, where this person is relocating from, to get information from them regarding their requirements and fee structure.

Motion by Tom Dorner to set the base rate “Keeping of Certain Restricted Animals” license fee at \$100 (for a 2 hour minimum) and with an additional \$50 per hour fee for each hour over the initial two hours, second by Ken Carlson. Motion carried.

It was also requested by Tom Dorner that we re-evaluate this fee at the August 2020 Board of Health meeting to better define the “Keeping of Certain Restricted Animals” license fee based on the information of the actual inspection and the additional outside information that was requested from Texas.

- B. Discussion and PowerPoint presentation of the Justice, Diversion, and Support programs. Tim Lawther introduced the *Celebrating One Year of Justice, Diversion, and Support (JDS) in Public Health*. JDS fits with the Mission, Vision and Processes are similar to Public Health. Focusing on prevention, focus on improving policy and working towards equity. 40% of Healthy outcomes are determined by social and economic factors; education, employment, income, family & social support and community safety. Public Health is charged with protecting and promoting the health of our most vulnerable residents which includes people in our criminal justice system; high adverse childhood experiences “ACE” scores, low income, low education, less family & social support, fewer employment opportunities, lack of safe, affordable housing. High incarceration rates are a significant public health issue. The vast majority are in jail for non-violent offenses or misdemeanors such as drug related offenses and broken rules of supervision (no new crime).

Cathy Warwick talked about how diversion programs save tax payor dollars. Public Health has the capacity and expertise to house JDS by convening stakeholders and facilitating collaboration across silos. Using a systems approach to change policies and procedures, manage grants, pilot programs, collect data and evaluate the impact of all that data. The focus is on community health and no other county agency has community health as their primary mission.

Since JDS joined Public Health in June of 2019, various improvements have been put in place, including: the fiscal tracking system has been completely reformatted, identified errors and backlog of data entry, met with funders to ensure positive relationships, and brought grants into compliance. The JDS software has been revamped to better track program services and streamline processes. New programming available through a partnership with SSM Health to fund a learning center for people who need assistance getting their GED. Through additional funding via a Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) a re-entry coordinator position will work as a discharge planner in the jail to assist newly released inmates to have everything set up to assist in their success (i.e. have insurance reinstated and proper medications, housing, education) and help reduce recidivism. We’ve restarted a survey for participants to complete after each phase up and

also upon graduation to help us continue quality improvement to the programs. We've also been awarded the highly competitive NACO Peer Learning Network grant that provides technical assistance on data sharing to create a community information exchange and data sharing for Peer Learning.

JDS aligns with Public Health programing by preventing drug use, promoting treatment and harm reduction that improve outcomes for those with mental health concerns. It also aligns with the Stepping Up Initiative approved by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors in 2016 as well as a Legislative priority for 2019-2020 for the Wisconsin Public Health Association and Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards. These programs reduce the length of jail stays, recidivism, jail bookings and increase referrals to substance use treatment.

The Justice, Diversion, and Support Programs are comprised of four sections: Adult Treatment Court, established in 2016; PreBooking Diversion and Support (SUDS) program, established in 2018; The Learning Center, established in 2020; and the Re-Entry Coordinator, coming in 2020.

Case Coordinators Amanda Hanson and Beverly Albrecht spoke to the Adult Treatment Court. Adult Treatment Court is a post conviction (after being sentenced) program. This program is for individuals who have been repeatedly through the criminal justice system due to crimes they committed that were related to their addiction. The county decided around 2015 that the jail and/or prison did not provide the services/treatment needed for these individuals to succeed in their recovery in the community once they were released. The county decided that drug court would be a good option to provide structure, accountability, and collaborating with other areas of the community to provide them a better chance of succeeding in the community.

Case Coordinator Ben Miller spoke to the SUDS (PreBooking, Diversion and Support) program. SUDS is a 4 to 6 month voluntary program that addresses substance use, supports healthy living, identifies risky behaviors and thinking patterns, uses evidence based CBT tools to work on identified needs. Participants charges may get dismissed. Ben has worked on improving the processes with the DA to refer eligible participants to programming, connecting individuals in need with treatment and support services.

Education Navigator Sasha Ripley spoke to the Learning Center program. The purpose of the program is to invest in education as a path out of incarceration and into employment. This program focuses on individuals living in Sauk County who do not have a GED, HSED, or

traditional high school diploma and have had some contact with the criminal justice system. Examples of individuals who would be a good fit for this program include Medication Assisted Treatment participants, Adult Treatment Court participants, residents who have been released from jail, residents on extended supervision post prison, and individuals on Huber Work Release. The absence of a high school diploma for these individuals often results in an intergenerational cycle of poverty, decreased social connectivity, lack of health care, limited opportunities for success, and increased recidivism. Negative consequences often faced by families of residents without a high school diploma as a result of the related stress are domestic violence, child abuse, substance abuse, poor self-esteem and a variety of mental and emotional disorders including anxiety and depression. These individuals may become trapped in a cycle of despair from which they can see no way out. Many have lost their driver's license due to criminal activity or being unable to pay fines and tickets, which further exacerbates the problems they already face and makes it even more difficult to find a good paying job with benefits, making it difficult to support themselves and their families. Frequently, individuals caught up in the criminal justice system come from families caught in the same cycle. The family members and friends of these residents are often not supportive of their success and are not examples of healthy relationships. Most of the time family and friends tend to enable and encourage unhealthy behaviors and are often abusive and neglectful. All of these obstacles create a very difficult situation in which many people cannot navigate their way through to a healthy, happy, well-adjusted life or to becoming a successful member of the community.

Cathy Warwick explained that the Re-Entry Coordinator position has yet to be implemented as we were about to hire someone when the Administrative Coordinator's office informed us that the grant was not yet executed. Then COVID19 hit. The intention of this position is to be a discharge planner and would assist incarcerated individuals with a successful transition back to the community after release. Data shows this is an effective way to reduce recidivism, as well as an effective strategy to reduce mental health and substance use disorder both in the community and in the incarcerated population. The Re-Entry Coordinator would conduct risk assessments and develop individualized case plans for individuals transitioning back to our community to identify housing, job training, job placement, education, and other social determinant needs. This model supports returning citizens in becoming productive, tax-paying citizens, with access to substance use and mental health treatment services.

C. Tim Lawther gave the Director's monthly report.

- a. Covid-19: we currently have 130 cases which is an increase of 7 new cases in one day. Lawther stated "Covid is out there and growing."
Averaging 110-112 Covid tests a day and have testing site available every weekday of the week in Sauk County. Sauk County continues to have a large number of asymptomatic residents. Approximately 15% of those tested are asymptomatic. We will be remaining in Phase 2 for the foreseeable future. The age distribution of Covid is trending toward age 30 and under. The youngest person tested positive to date is in the age 20-29 range.
 - b. Went through the Director's monthly report and highlighted programs – Amy Merwin will email the document to all Board of Health members.
 - a. The highlighted programs and corresponding numbers were vouchers, immunizations, foot clinics are still on hold. The state is changing reporting procedures for some communicable Diseases. Lead Prevention & Education and Naloxone training are still happening but mostly virtual. Prenatal Care Coordination and Nurse Family Partnership is developing a plan to increase from 0 to 2 years old to 0 to 5 years old. Environmental Health, WIC and Justice, Diversion, and Support program numbers were also reported.
 - b. We currently have over 13 community coalitions and most will restart once Covid-19 calms down. The Healthy Sauk 2030 is the umbrella group, ensuring a focus on the social determinants of health exists in each community coalition.
- D. Discussion surrounding a new messaging campaign for preventive measures for Covid-19 including but not limited to social distancing, masks and group size based on Supervisor Shane Gibsons request re: Ms. Peidelstein's request. Lawther reported that the current messaging campaign isn't working well and the Health department is working with external groups to help.
- a. Supervisor Rob Nelson District 18 and local business owner suggested a campaign to "Help Keep Us Safe"
 - b. Ken Carlson reported that Sauk Prairie Health is starting a "We. Not. Me – Do your Part" campaign.
- E. Discussion of 2021 Budget
- a. Lawther presented five (5) goals and reported that the Mission Vision & Goals will be adjusted so that they correlate with the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Health Sauk Initiative being complete in 2021. The CHNA allows the communities to define the priorities. The goals are, therefore, in draft form only. They currently are:

VISION

Everyone in Sauk County lives the healthiest life possible.

MISSION

Enhance the conditions that support optimal health and well-being for all people in Sauk County.

GOALS

1. Improve health and health equity through policy and systems change, and focused interventions, that support all people to live healthy lives.
 2. Enhance community engagement and community ownership over defining community health priorities and solutions.
 3. Continue to support an engaged, well-trained, and strategically-focused public health workforce.
 4. Increase data and informatics capacity to inform community health strategy.
 5. Increase and diversify investment in Sauk County Public Health, including non-traditional funding and cost-sharing partnerships.
- b. Broad Priorities will be focused on equity, starting with policy changes and enhancing systems to have a broader reach so that no one is left out.
 - c. Motion by Tom Dorner, second by Rebecca Klitzke to approve the Mission, Vision and Goals for 2021 Health Department budget knowing changes to these goals are forthcoming. Motion carried.

7. Department Updates:

- a. Tim Lawther reviewed the current Covid-19 costs to the Health Department programs totaling \$522,631.60. Currently we have been reimbursed \$45,186 for the first section of the Quarantine costs. We expect to be reimbursed for the majority of these costs, depending on the county's allocation of Route to Recovery funds.
- b. Amy Merwin gave the monthly financial reports for June 2020.
- c. Amy Merwin reported on the June 2020 invoices Warrant 071020. Motion by Tom Dorner, second by Donna Stehling to approve the June 2020 invoices in the amount of \$25,222.32. Motion carried.

8. Wisconsin Public Health Association (APHA)/ Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB). There was no meeting due to Covid-19.

9. Agenda Items for next meeting

- a. First Draft of the 2021 Health Department budget including: Public Health; Justice, Diversion, and Support; Environmental Health; and WIC.

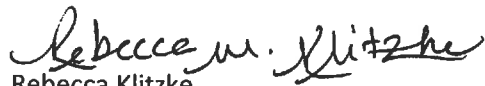
- b. Revisit the rates pursuant to Sauk County Ordinance Chapter 27.010: Keeping of Certain Restricted Animals
- c. Covid-19 Update

10. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

11. **Call for Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Rebecca Klitzke, second by Donna Stehling. Motion carried.

Time: 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca M. Klitzke".

Rebecca Klitzke

Secretary