

Cerro Gordo County Board of Health
Friday, October 19, 2007

Present: Candi Schickel, Vice Chair
Barb Kellogg, Secretary
Pat Galasso
Phil Dougherty

Absent: Mark Johnson, M.D. Chairman

Staff: Ron Osterholm, Health Director
Linda Read, RN, BSN, Service Manager, Family & Community Health
Dorene Christensen, MBA, Deputy Director, Finance & Administration
Brian Hanft, REHS, MPA, Environmental Health Service Manager
Karen Crimmings, RN, Disease Prevention and Investigation Service
Leslie Smith, MPH, Health Planning and Development Service Manager
Jodi Willemsen, Public Health Preparedness Service Manager
Tammy Bryant, Health Promotion & Education Service Manager

Guests: Delilah Mead, RN, University of Iowa BSN student
Melissa McGee, RN, University of Iowa BSN student

Meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm.

Service Awards: Candi Schickel presented Brian Hanft with an award for five years of service.

Minutes: Motion by Kellogg, second by Galasso to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2007. Motion passed.

FY 06-07 Annual Reports: Linda Read presented the Family and Community Health Service FY 06-07 Annual Report. Read reported the biggest transformation this year was the implementation of a new software program titled CareFacts. Read stated that she believes that the productivity increase may be due to the implementation of the new software. A smoke free policy was instituted effect April 1st. Clients are asked to refrain from smoking during the time staff members are in the client's home. This policy has been positive for both staff and clients. A satisfaction survey was sent out to those discharged from skill nursing service the previous year.

Linda Read also presented the Senior Health Clinic FY 06-07 Annual Report. Read mentioned the number of referrals made by Shirley Stephen far out numbered the number of clients utilizing the clinic due to the fact that many clients had more than one referral made. Read stated 65 clinics are offered during the year; many of the small communities hold them twice a year. Dougherty was quoted as not having a population base large enough to support a Senior Center, thus not a site for a Senior Health

Clinic. Kellogg suggested contacting the Catholic church in Dougherty to possibly rectify this loss in their community. The Senior Health Clinic encompasses 4 people per day at 1.5-2 hours per individual. A head-to-toe physical as well as blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and simple urinalysis are conducted during that time.

Linda Read presented the Home Care Aide FY 06-07 Annual Report as well. Read mentioned there was only 1 staff turn-over this year! The Home Care Aide program ended the year with no waiting list.

Karen Crimmings presented the Disease Prevention Service FY 06-07 Annual Report. Crimmings mentioned there were a couple disease investigations this year of which Legionnaire's was an unusual one for her to investigate. There were new vaccine recommendations which staff had to acquaint with. HIV education is no longer supported by grant dollars. As questioned, the Shingles vaccine is not covered under Medicare Part B, but under Part D which stipulates it may only be given in a physician's office. Anyone 60 years of age and older who has had the chickenpox previously is at risk of getting shingles.

Brian Hanft presented the Environmental Health Service FY 06-07 Annual Report. One highlight of the past year was the fact that the Well Water Ordinance was re-written (and passed) to encompass arsenic testing. Food for thought, Hanft mentioned the concept of legalizing tattooing in correctional facilities.

Leslie Smith presented the Health Planning and Development FY 06-07 Annual Report. A total of \$206,587 in funding was acquired through grant funding during FY 06-07. The Health Planner, newly on board at the time, collaborated with the Health Promotion & Education Service Section on the development of lesson plans for the Harkin Wellness project manual.

Tammy Bryant presented the Health Promotion and Education FY 06-07 Annual Report. Bryant reported work in the Junior Tracks program is still in process. All schools in Cerro Gordo County are now officially tobacco free! An update to the Cerro Gordo County Smoke-Free Dining Guide was completed. The "Got A Minute" campaign from this past spring will be repeated again this coming spring. The idea of shelving the Harkin data collected this year and pulling it out again once the students are high school seniors was discussed.

Dorene Christensen presented the Finance and Administration FY 06-07 Annual Report. Christensen outlined the balances of Funds 024 and 021; Fund 024 ended with an increase of \$99,930 while Fund 021 experienced a decrease of \$3,127. This decrease, although expected, was less than anticipated. Fund 024 ended the year with a balance of \$656,178 while Fund 021 ended with \$69,732. Receivables showed an improvement for the third consecutive year, with a new low of 2% obtained!

Jodi Willemsen presented the Public Health Preparedness FY 06-07 Annual Report. Willemsen reported that Crimmings and Betty Krones were asked to test pilot the Iowa Disease Surveillance System. The department participated in 5 emergency preparedness exercises and 2 health alert network tests. During the Quarantine & Isolation Tabletop Exercise it became apparent there will be a lack of law enforcement officials if ever this ordinance has to be implemented. The reason being, the surge-capacity does not exist. Volunteers can not be utilized due to lack of personal fire-arms and the National Guard can not be utilized as a resource due to being housed in Des Moines and thus will be used by the State.

Motion by Galasso, second by Dougherty to approve the FY 06-07 Annual Reports as presented. Motion passed.

EPA Grant: Ron Osterholm informed the Board that a letter has been sent to the EPA informing them of our request for termination. The CDC and NACCHO have both agreed to remain as partners with us on this project. The Board of Supervisors have verbalized remaining committed to completing this project.

Of the committee members contacted, over 90 percent have agreed to stay on. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7.

It was mentioned that the department has a second grant with the EPA, for childhood lead. If this termination affects the lead grant then our plans are to not finance new hardware and software but resubmit through another funding agency.

Primitive Campsite Improvement Project Variance Request: Brian Hanft stated that Fred Heinz of Lime Creek Conservation contacted him several months ago regarding a primitive campsite improvement project variance request. Hanft did mention it is not possible for a septic tank pumper truck to get back to the primitive campsite. Hanft also mentioned discussing this matter with Dan Olson of the DNR who responded electronically that he had no problems with this application. In accordance to our county ordinance, Hanft prefers permitting this campsite; however it will still require a variance be granted. Hanft recommended approving and moving forward with the variance request as the primitive campsite is used at best on a limited basis.

Motion by Kellogg, second by Galasso to approve the Lime Creek Conversation Area Primitive Campsite Improvement Project Proposed Variance Request. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning and Data: Ron Osterholm indicated today was to have been the day for the Board's review; however due to the illness of the NACCHO facilitator, SWOT/Health Priorities have not been completed. These items have been rescheduled for November 15 and 16, 2007.

Core Team
Dialogue:

Karen Crimmings indicated flu shots will be given in-house starting October 18. Starting October 15, 82 out-reach clinics will be held in the community this year, an increase of 16 from last year. The goal is to have distributed all our vaccine by Thanksgiving.

As a side note, Dorene Christensen mentioned that it was discovered that Medicare and Medicaid coverage as well as social security payments cease once an individual is incarcerated, health insurance coverage however does not stop.

Ron Osterholm indicated the Jail Health Nurse job description has been finalized and the full-time position will be advertised in next week newspaper. The interview team for this position will consist of Osterholm, Read, Tom Drzycimski and 2 staff from the Sheriff's Office (Shad Stoeffler and Brice Ausenhus). The new jail will hopefully be open January 6-8, 2008.

Ron Osterholm mentioned inviting Cody Williams, the Empowerment Coordinator, to the January Board meeting. Since beginning his tenure with the Empowerment project, Cody reports that he is currently moving forward with a balanced budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2007 at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Kellogg
Secretary