

MINUTES
Goodhue County Public Health Service
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, June 20, 2006
1:00 p.m.
County Board Room
Red Wing, MN 55066

Members Present: Commissioners Dan Rechtzigel, Richard Samuelson, Jim Bryant, & Ted Seifert

Others Present: Karen Main, Sue Morgan, Jason Petersen, Kristine Holst, Susan Brace-Adkins

I. Call to Order

Chair, Ted Seifert called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Goodhue County Board Room. Commissioner Seifert stated that Commissioner Allen was absent due to military duty.

II. C/Seifert asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There were none.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Main requested the addition of South Country Health Alliance 6 month plan to Old Business.

Motion by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Bryant, carried to approve the amended agenda for June 20th, 2006.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Samuelson, carried to approve the minutes of the May 16th, 2006 Public Health Board meeting as presented.

Motion by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Bryant, carried to approved the minutes of the June 6, 2006 Public Health Board meeting as presented.

V. Consent Agenda

Motion by C/Bryant, seconded by C/Rechtzigel, carried to approve the following item on the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Purchase of Service Agreement with Goodhue County Social Services for MI Medication Supervision: Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) effective 01.01.2006-12.31.2006.

VI. Review of Financial Reports

Year to date positive revenue variance	\$19,425
Year to date positive expense variance	\$31,894
Year to date net positive variance	\$51,319

C/Seifert questioned how South Country Health Alliance handled it when Goodhue County did not have a CRMT? Did they not send the full amount of money for reimbursement? Ms. Holst indicated that when we had a CRMT we were reimbursed \$5,150 per month, in the month of June we will not get a payment, because we were without a CRMT during the month of May. C/Bryant questioned if a different in house staff member was doing the work while a CRMT was not on staff? Ms. Holst indicated that during that time Ms. Morgan was doing some of the work as well as other support staff members. C/Bryant questioned why South Country Health Alliance did not recognize that, as long as someone is doing some of the work we should receive a pro-rated amount. C/Seifert stated that we will go after the money to be reimbursed and asked Ms. Holst to prepare a number of exactly what they did not pay. Ms. Holst indicated that a portion of the work was done, not all of it, so we should be reimbursed for that time.

Fee Schedule

Ms. Holst indicated that Goodhue County Public Health Service has reviewed the attached Fee Schedule and Contract Rate Schedule and is recommending necessary changes.

Immunization Fees:

Due to changes in the cost of vaccines and in order to have consistent fees for administration, Public Health is recommending changes to some immunization fees. One immunization fee would be decreased due to a decrease of the cost of the vaccine.

Environmental Health Fees:

An annual increase in Environmental Health fees is recommended to cover increasing costs and to avoid an excessive increase in one year. This has been the practice in the past several years. If the new fees are approved at this time they can be used in next year's budget calculations.

Contract Rates:

The contract rates have not changed since July 1, 2002. To cover increased personnel costs, Public Health is recommending an increase in the contract rates for various services requested by organizations throughout the county.

C/Rechtzigel commented that he liked seeing the moving up in slow, small increments it is easier to budget when it is in small increments. There are no drastic increases in these numbers.

C/Samuelson questioned if the fees are comparable to what other County's are doing throughout the State. Ms. Holst indicated that all of the immunization fees compared with the other County's and believes that the Environmental Health fees to as well, Mr. Petersen has done the work with the Environmental Health Fees. C/Samuelson questioned if we could get help from the State with Environmental Health if the County got behind? Ms. Main stated that the State has contracted with us to do those services, the odds of actually getting them down to help out are pretty slim. C/Samuelson questioned if some County's have the State do all of their inspections? Ms. Main indicated that some Counties are not contracted to do their own inspections.

C/Bryant echoed the comments regarding small increments, and stated that it is nice to see a plan in place for gradual increases.

C/Seifert stated that the fees look like they are in line, noted that where we have a reasonable customary charge for RN nursing \$62/hr; that is the posted rate but when you are dealing with an insurance company, Medicare, they tell us what they are going to pay, that set amount would be the maximum that we could collect.

Motion by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Bryant, carried to approve the recommended fee schedule and contract rate changes, implementing the immunization fees September 1, 2006, the Environmental Health Fees and the contract rates, effective January 1, 2007.

VII. Administrative Reports

A) Director of Public Health

Ms. Main indicated that at the June 6th County Board meeting the County Board approved a revised meeting calendar for the summer months.

In order to be consistent with the summer schedule of the County Board, Public Health is respectfully requesting that there be no Board of Health meeting in July and that the Board of Health meet once in the month of August on August 10th at the Goodhue County Fair, following the County Board meeting.

Calendar would be revised as such.

- No Public Health Board meeting in July
- Public Health Board meeting on Thursday, August 10th, 2006 at the Goodhue Fair, 2:00 p.m.
- No Public Health Board meeting on August 15th, 2006

C/Bryant stated that the Public Health Board is asking to hold a meeting a 2 p.m. at the Fair, the County Board meets at 1:00 p.m., is one hour an ample amount of time to complete the County Board meeting? Ms. Main indicated that probably is not, but wanted to advertise for early enough so that the meeting can begin directly after the County Board meeting.

Motion by C/Bryant, C/Rechtzigel second, motion carried to approve the summer meeting schedule for the Public Health Board.

B) Director for Nursing Report

CRMT: Ms. Morgan introduced Dana Syverson, Community Resource Team Lead. C/Seifert stated that there is training for CRMT coming up shortly, is there plans for Dana to attend this training? Ms. Morgan indicated that she will be attending the training.

Nurse Positions:

HR has posted the new positions for the care Coordination teams. Application date is July 7, 2006. Ms. Main indicated that Ms. Cushing has done an exception job on this particular posting, touching every base, sending letters, etc.

UCare/Toothcare Dental Van:

We are fortunate to have the Dental van returning to Goodhue County this year. They will be located at the Public Health office from Monday July 17th - Friday July 21st. The dental van staff does the majority of the scheduling, so it really makes it easy for our staff. The clients do use our waiting room between appointments and we assist them with some coordination. Last year we had a great response to this service and anticipate the same this year.

WIC-Dental Hygienist:

We are currently working with a company called Dental Access, which provides preventive services to clients. They are able to operate independently and provide fluoride varnishes, cleanings and education. Our hope is to be able to have these services set up at all the WIC clinics in Goodhue County. Currently, we are working with the School District to arrange for space at the Colvill location for the hygienist to work in. Space has already been identified at the other county WIC sites.

Prior to initiating this service, letters will be sent to all Goodhue County dental providers, in the interest of awareness and to give them the option of referring families, as necessary.

Dental Hygiene Future:

Once the WIC clinics are set up to offer this service, we hope to work with this same company to offer the service to all ages through our Goodhue County Public Health Office.

C) Healthy Communities Report

Disease Prevention, Control and Immunizations

- The eligibility to the MN Vaccines for Children Program is changing due to financial reasons. It will still include children through 18 years of age, but no longer will include the uninsured adults 19 and older. Changes will be effective 10-1-06.
- No confirmed mumps cases in Goodhue County, but at least 3 suspected cases are being investigated. Lab work is complicated and can take weeks for confirmation and aren't always reliable.

KIDS: Handle with Care

- The KIDS program is in the planning stages for a variety of possible events which may include a child abuse prevention initiative and national speakers for the community.

Health Priorities

- The Kenyon-Wanamingo 2-4th graders participated in the virtual “tour the county” program the last week of May. Public health provided the route materials and incentives for prizes, and they were able to get their additional pedometers from Coca-Cola.
- The Kenyon-Wanamingo schools received the designation as a “Fit School” this past couple of weeks from the State of Minnesota. This designation is given to schools who are working on issues of physical activity and nutrition. Public health has worked very closely with K-W schools on these issues and shares in this successful designation.
- The City of Kenyon was also declared a “Fit City” by the State of Minnesota in the past couple of weeks as well. Similar to the Fit Schools, a fit city designation is given to cities that are working on issues of physical activity and again public health has played a huge role in sponsoring physical activity events and programs throughout the Kenyon community.
- We will be working with the Zumbrota community later this summer and fall to offer a community fitness initiative, most likely initiating the “Do” campaign and other things. We hope to launch this campaign during the county fair, which is August 8-12, 2006.
- The “Eat Better/Move More” curriculum ended June 7th at Gunderson Gardens. The residents have been great - many of them are in their late 80’s and early 90’s and walk on average about 14 miles per week!
- Public health will continue to partner with the “Make the Move” group in Red Wing to offer a fall fitness event again. Last year, this group held an event to sign up for an on-line program for walking. This year, we will be having prize patrols catching people being physically active over a weekend – September 30th and October 1st. More details to follow.
- As we did last summer, public health will be participating in the “Voices of the Valley” series at the Cannon Valley Trail Welch Station on the first Saturday of every month starting in May. “Voices of the Valley” provides information for riders on the trail from a variety of groups and agencies. Public health will be participating again this summer to showcase all of our programs, but specifically healthy lifestyle issues.
- The Goodhue County Discount Drug Card was launched on April 17th. The response for the cards has been tremendous – we have received numerous calls from a lot of people who want the card. Not surprisingly, many of those folks have been younger people – those who may be employed, but don’t have any health insurance coverage or can’t afford the coverage they have.

Ms. Brace-Adkins stated that they received the report for the NACO prescription drug program for May 2006. The program has been up and running for less than 2 months, our numbers are pretty high when compared to the other Counties that are doing this program. For the month of May, 64 residents filled 125 prescriptions, average savings was 20% or \$8.87 per prescription; 83% of the time the discount card gave a better price than the pharmacy, the total savings \$1,330.13 for the month of May for Goodhue County residents. Also commented that when we entered the program in April there were 8 counties participating and now there are 10.

C/Bryant stated that this information should be available at the Cannon Valley Fair and Zumbrota Fair, it would be a good opportunity to reach people at the fair.

D) Environmental Health

MPAAT Grant

Karen Main, Susan Johnson, and Tom Wolff met with Molly Moilanen from MPAAT on May 26, 2006 to review the budget narrative and discuss other issues relating to the second year of funding from MPAAT. The contract for the second year of funding will be signed before the end of June.

Citizens for a Smoke-free Goodhue County Website

The web site is under construction and will soon be operational. Two website names have been registered: www.smokefreegoodhuecounty.org and www.smokefreegc.org. Both names will connect to the same website. The website will give the public information about secondhand smoke and the coalition's activities. It will also have an on-line sign up feature so that people can show their support for smoke-free workplaces in Goodhue County.

New Billboard

The billboard in Red Wing on Highway 58 near the radio station will have a new look any day now. The new billboard highlights the issue of smoke in the workplace.

Mailing to Medical Providers

A letter and reply card have been mailed to all of the doctors, dentists, nurses, and other medical providers in Goodhue County. BlueCross and BlueShield of Minnesota helped with this effort by providing mailing lists of medical providers. The medical providers were asked to return the reply card and put their name on record as supporting the effort for smoke-free workplaces in Goodhue County.

Summer Fairs and Parades

Citizens for a Smoke-free Goodhue County will have a booth at the Cannon Valley Fair and at the Goodhue County Fair. The group is also planning to register for a booth at the Red Wing Diversity Festival. The booth will provide education about secondhand smoke and will give visitors the opportunity to sign up to register their support for smoke-free workplaces in Goodhue County. The group is also planning to appear in the Independence Day Parades in Cannon Falls and Vasa, the River City Days Parade, and the Rose Fest Parade.

VII. Old Business

Ms. Main, Ms. Morgan and Ms. Holst reviewed a Power Point presentation that gave a 6 month outline of the new the South Country Health Alliance Care Coordination Project.

C/Rechtzigel questioned if the Ability Care component will be coming into place later? Ms. Main stated that is the program that we anticipate would start on January 1st, 2007, it would be 4 social workers and 2 nurses.

C/Seifert questioned the clerical help that was added to the team, are we now looking at a team of 5? Mr. Schoener is planning on adding a social worker and clerical support, Ms. Main indicated that he clerical will be completed by the case aide and Mr. Schoener will be hiring that person.

C/Seifert questioned if there was an update of numbers as to how many people will fit into MSHO, Goodhue County residents. Ms. Main indicated that into this part of Care Coordination we have 125 community ones, we are already doing the Elderly Waiver and Goodhue County has the largest number of nursing homes, have been working with South Country Health Alliance to get the new staff to help with the care plans for the residents of nursing homes.

C/Bryant stated that it is nice to see the net positive variance, there is a start up cost, but after the first 6 months we will start to see full reimbursement and will be even larger positive variance.

C/Rechtzigel questioned where other Counties are at with moving ahead with this program? Ms. Main stated that the Steele County jumped in right away with a theoretical model, Goodhue County is in a leadership role with this program.

VIII. New Business

IX. Committee Reports

A. PHS Advisory Committee

Next meeting is scheduled for July 13th, 2006.

B. South Country Health Alliance

C/Seifert stated that on Thursday he will be meeting with people from Olmsted and Blue Earth Counties on behalf of the financial committee.

C. SCHSAC – Ted Seifert

Ms. Main indicated that they have come out with a report that a workgroup did on jail health. Public Health and the Sheriff Department will be doing a joint Committee of the Whole; Goodhue County is the model for jail health.

D. S.E. EMS Committee – Richard Samuelson

C/Samuelson attended on June 8th – talked about the seat belt law and that it should be a primary offense and that the funds are not coming in as they once were. It is a mystery as to if people are buckling up or what is going on.

X. Other

A) **Approval of Disbursements**

May 12th, 2006 – June 9th, 2006 totaling \$59,435.10.

Motion by C/Bryant, second by C/Rechtzigel, motion carried to approve the above listed disbursements.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by C/Rechtzigel, second by C/Bryant, motion carried to adjourn the Public Health Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ronald Allen
Secretary

Karen Main
Director of Public Health