



Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

MEETING MINUTES – June 29, 2016 @ 4:00pm

Health Department Board Room, 2nd floor
2030 Tecumseh Road
Manhattan, KS 66502

In attendance: *Please see attached sign in sheet.*

1. Welcome and Sign In

- a. Adam Bowen called the meeting to order at 16:07.
- b. Call for other items to be added to the agenda: Karen McCulloh requested to add small discussion on public health issues regarding LARC money vote by Board of Health
- c. No public comment.

2. Director's Report

- a. Jennifer restated that she starts August 24th as director. She will be trying to attend as many meetings prior to this date to become familiar with her role.
- b. Jessica Fiscus updated the PHAC on vacancies in the Health Department

3. Business

- a. Presentation RCHD drafted Strategic Priorities- Jessica Fiscus-Health Educator/Accreditation Coordinator (PowerPoint Presentation)
 - i. Comments- K McCulloh commented on prior tension between Dr Benny and Brenda thinking of Public Health as more data versus actual patient care. Robyn added the assessment versus hands on approach. More fact collecting instead of client based care. Jessica responded that this is due to a focus shift from one on one care to large population events and policy changes as a way to reach larger groups within the community. Robyn noted that the mission statement does not reflect an emphasis on data collection and large picture approaches. Andrew added that data collection is a very big part of the foundational health areas and that it drives policy development and quality improvement and is at the heart of everything we do.
 - ii. Questions-Robyn asked how often we revise our mission statement. Jessica's best estimate was 2.5 years since the last change, and that we don't have a set timeframe in which we revise this.
 - iii. Discussion- Suggestions for modifications to the vision: Robyn agrees with statement noting that it addresses both individual people as well as the community impact. Adam also agrees with the statement. Suggestions for the mission: Jennifer did ask about revising it to include "evidence-based practices" to either the end of the statement or incorporating it somewhere in the statement. Robyn would like to move the placement of "policy" in the sentence to read "through prevention, education..." and a suggestion by Adam Bowen is for it to read "through prevention, education, services and policies", which eliminates "quality". He also questions what is meant by "well-being". Jessica suggested removing "well-being" as it falls under health or that it could be replaced by "overall health". Consensus on removing "well-being" as it is redundant with "health". Might be read as "To promote and protect the health and safety of our community through prevention, education, policies and services"- Robyn still does not fully agree with "policies". Jennifer would like to expand on what "policies". Police being at the root of "policy", which is a concern for Robyn.
 - iv. Values statement comments/suggestions- Jennifer agrees with this statement but she says that she is concerned about "cultural competencies" and making sure that when we implement these values that we don't fall into the check box behavior without actually practicing or learning it. Adam states he thinks it might be "a bit narrow". Jessica elaborated that we were attempting to be

direct and brief in our statement. PHAC reminded that if they have any suggestions that they send them to us for review and consideration.

- v. Strategic Priorities (comments): Adam suggests we change it to “protect and promote health and safety” since safety is mentioned in the mission statement. Jessica did note that these were structured to include the voices of the staff, especially those topics that were very strongly evident during our all-day meeting. Karen did ask about what exact links to safety we have and Jessica commented on child care licensing. Jennifer recommended “Promote Health and Safety”, Question 1 got a yes from Adam; Question 2 –Karen asked if we are actually a leader in the county or state. Robyn asked if we need to be a leader for the state or just a leader in the state. Adam states he does not feel he can respond to this question right now. Robyn is unsure of how she could answer it; Question 3-Adam would like to incorporate safety into the mission and vision; Question 4-None other than what has already been discussed above.
 - b. Now what- Jessica gave them an overview of the timeline from now until it is presented to the Board of Health with possible date of early 2017 to implement these.
4. Discussion on Public Health Issues-Karen McCulloh
 - a. E-cigarette letter has gone to County Commissioners. She asked about ATA bus stop- was told it is at East end of FCRC. If we would like a bench and rain shelter, please make our request known. No parking in Wefald Hall for dorms is a concern. She thinks that once PHAC becomes more organized that they could offer support to HD when presenting to the Board of Health. Adam offered help should we ever need it with presenting something to BOH, asking for grants etc and could possibly provide tangible assistance.
 5. No meeting in July this year.

Meeting adjourned at 17:04.

Next Meeting: August 31, 2016 4:00 p.m.