



Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

MEETING MINUTES – February 22nd, 2017 @ 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 called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm
- b. Call for other items to be added to the agenda
- c. No public comment.

2. Director's Report

- a. There is three cases of Mumps at KSU which KDHE considers as an outbreak. Jennifer sent a press release this morning and KSU's press release will be posted at 4:00 pm February 22, 2017. KDHE sent health alert to physicians regarding the Mumps outbreak. Deb Shaver, Andrew Adams, Leslie Campbell have been diligently working on suspect cases and are waiting on outcomes. The three students that tested positive are now back in class due incubation period being over. There is one probable case that went back home to family out of state. Jennifer state that there is no clear links between the cases. KSU is now requiring any new student must provide immunization records that confirm they have had two doses of meningitis vaccine and two doses of the MMR vaccine. Jennifer states that KSU has been working on this policy for a year and a half. This is requirement was a KSU decision not a Health Department policy. Andrew mentioned the wording to this policy is almost identical to KU's Policy. KU has been requiring this since 1993. We will keep you updated on the Mumps outbreak.
- b. The Aid to Local Grant is due March 15th. We will report this to the BoCC on March 9th. The only questionable item on the grant may be our Family Planning Program. Also, for the first time KDHE combined the MCH and Immunization Grant. Due to this joint grant, the immunization portion was cut by 50%. This cut was based on how many people are on Medicaid and how many immunizations our department administered last year. This formula was based on last year's projections. Unfortunately, last year's numbers were impaired due to staff vacancies. Leslie and Jennifer have had conversations with KDHE regarding the immunization funding but unfortunately, KDHE will not budge. They are continuing to advocate that KDHE changes the formula they use to determine the funding amount from a one year average to a three year average.
- c. Our department will be applying for the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation on Friday. This grant is to support our Becoming a Mom Classes and incentives for our Breast Feeding Peer Counselor.
- d. Staff Updates
 - i. Our new Health Educator, Julie Hettinger will start on Monday, February 27, 2017. She will be the lead on our accreditation efforts.
 - ii. Staci Robinett, our Family Planning APRN is leaving to go to Lafene Health Center at KSU. Her last day will be March 10. After her departure, we'll need to postpone some services. The qualifications for this position is one year of family planning services and four years of nursing prior to being an APRM. Adam asked if the Health Department is competitive. Jennifer said that Lafene does offer more vacation for first year employees, sick leave, and higher pay. The County must use 24 hours or 3 days of annual leave before you can use your sick leave. Staci didn't qualify for student loan forgiveness because we were not a qualifying agency. KSU is a qualifying agency. Robbin recommended that we find out what is available for advance nurses for loan forgiveness. If they are not included then you/we need to have a conversation with the

legislature on this matter. A member of the Council asked if there something that the Association of Local Health Departments can make an amendment on. Adam recommended that Jennifer prepare a brief summary explaining that APRN's are not qualifying for the federal public health program. He would be happy to forward this on to a representative. The PHAC would endorse this letter.

iii. Tammy Drake, the WIC Clerk will be moving out of state at the end of May. Her position will be posted soon.

e. The Health Department will host "Bugapoolooza" in the Manhattan City Park Pavilion on April 6th. This event focuses on disease prevention from mosquitoes and ticks. That week we will also be celebrating National Public Health Week. We will have MPH Programs from KSU to assist with this effort. We will be administering the Tdap vaccine to adults and educate the public about summer safety. We are aiming to educate the community in the spring to prepare for summer fun!

3. Other

a. The last meeting we discussed child care issues in our community. Is this topic something our council would like to pursue this year? This came up at the business retreat this year. There is a new day care on the east side of Manhattan which is maintained through Pottawatomie County Health Department. A council member questioned if we should have a community forum regarding this issue? Everyone that is involved with strategic planning in our community understands there will be a significant increase in population. Due to this influx of people, will increase the need for child care. Gail questioned how can we, as a Public Health Council, impact this challenge? There was also a question if we had enough qualified individuals to meet this need? Is there a way we can develop a future workforce for this? Deb mentioned that this a valid piece of public health. Robbin states that most folks don't know the difference between legal and illegal day cares. There needs to be an increase of knowledge. A council member questioned how would we would measure the outcome? Jennifer indicated that we are currently working on the logic models for strategic planning to decrease the percentage of illegal child care facilities. Possible solutions could be holding classes for providers that are interested and collaborate with the child development program at KSU. Breva has been actively trying to recruit with various entities such as the Manhattan Workforce Center and KSU to increase the number of child care facilities. Unfortunately, her findings revealed that some folks are not interested in opening a child care facility in their home or some would prefer to work in an established facility. Breva has also provided trainings to MATC to recruit for more providers. The chamber is currently working on a 20 year vision plan for Manhattan. If we as a council could learn a more, then we would understand how we can help this challenge. Breva offered to invite guest speakers if to assist with this learning process if the council agrees to this invitation. The Public Health Advisory Council advises the Health Department Director and the Board of County Commissioners. As a council, we can gather and format usable data to help the decision makers. We need to make sure child care is a low cost for the community. It was suggested that the Health Department use their events to promote child care. Ginny will work together with Breva on this matter.

b. We discussed the lack of primary care providers in our community? We've reached out and will continue to reach out to Via Christi to provide some information and allow us to ask questions regarding this challenge. We need to know how many providers accept the various forms of insurance such as Medicare, Medicaid and private. Some folks in the community have had seek care in Topeka because they can't find a physician in Manhattan. Robin Lee, the President of Via Christi wants to meet with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to see how the Chamber and health care can work together. Adam suggested that this topic be tables until additional information could be gathered.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm Ginny

Next Meeting: March 22nd, 2017 @ 4:00pm