



Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

MEETING MINUTES – June 28th, 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. Ginny called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm
- b. Call for other items to be added to the agenda
- c. No public comment.

2. Director's Report

a. Grants

- i. RCHD was awarded the Kansas Health Foundation Grant which improves Health Equity in Riley County. The grant is \$262,000 over 3.5 years. This will fund a Community Liaison which is a full time position. The anticipated start date for this position is July 31.
- ii. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways Grant is still under review. We should be notified by the end of June if we were awarded this grant.
- iii. Unfortunately, we did not receive the Deihl Fund Grant. A total of \$280,000 is available annually for this grant. We requested \$250,000 which would've taken almost all of the fund. We were asked to re-submit in October and will request less money.
- iv. The Peine Foundation Grant is still under review. This will fund a position to assist day cares with quality improvement. Karen stated that Peine Foundation doesn't fund positions.
- v. We received funding for our KDHE Aid to Local Grants. The State now has grantees sign one universal grant which contains all of the individual grants.
 - i. Child Care Licensing was awarded \$111,619 for Riley and Geary County
 - ii. Local PHEP was awarded \$53,674 which is approximately 7% increase in funding.
 - iii. Wildcat Region was awarded \$26,212 which is approximately a 9% decrease in funding.
 - iv. State Formula was awarded \$51,025.
 - v. MCH and IAP was awarded \$111,466. The Immunization Grant was combined with MCH this year. The clinic distributed 70 Tdap at the Senior Center last week. The turnout was due to social media, newspaper, and Senior Center Newsletter advertising.
 - vi. Family Planning was awarded \$113,071. There may be some additional dollars once all grants have been distributed.

b. BoCC Budget Meeting

- i. The COLA and Step Increase has been approved by the BoCC.
- ii. The BoCC approved additional personnel requests
 - i. We will add another Child Care Licensing Surveyor to our staff and have a Child Care Licensing Supervisor
 - ii. If we are approved for the Peine Foundation Grant will hire a QI Coach which will be in our Raising Riley Program.
 - iii. We will be hiring additional staff for our Fort Riley WIC office which will include dietitians and clerks.

- iii. Approved paying and additional 4% above the State's requirements towards each employee's insurance plan.
 - iv. Approved funding a classification study with McGrath in 2018. The study will be performed, but no implementations, if any, will be made until 2019.
 - v. June 22 the BoCC approved the County budget.
 - vi. On July 10, there will be a Budget Public Hearing.
- c. Hiring
- i. Terri Stewart, the new APRN will start June 30. She comes to RCHD from an urgent care in Junction City. The BoCC approved a salary increase for this position. Leslie states that she should be able to see patients by August.
- d. Ginny and Brevia attended the Workforce Advisory Board Meeting in June. Ginny was disheartened by the lack of knowledge that they had about the shortage of child care in our community. They need to be aware of how the shortage affects the workforce and businesses. A local church has been approved to build a center. This addition will add 50 spots. 9 of those spots are for infants. If we are only adding 9 infants every 2-3 years we're not helping the lack of child care for infants. Ginny questioned if the PHAC can help raise awareness on this issue. According to Brevia, there has to be one provider for every 3 infants in centers which would require more providers. Our community needs cooperative child care centers such as La Petite that are big enough to accommodate the costs of extra providers. Brevia and her former intern called various cooperative agencies to recruit these larger centers for Manhattan. Brevia is interested in recruiting but is apprehensive as a result of her required job duties. Brevia states that larger centers can get accredited which means they have the ability to obtain grants. Brevia mentioned there were some questions at the Workforce Advisory Board Meeting regarding liability issues regarding centers. Brevia said centers must have insurance. The next step will be to have a meeting with Human Resource Professionals. Human Resources should be tracking how many people quit their jobs due to the lack of child care. If we can put pressure on the topic and illustrate how it affects businesses then we may have a case for people to take action. Some businesses have approached Brevia about opening a day care in their organization but there have been barriers that stop the process from moving forward. Ginny stated that there is a need for employees in our community. We want to ensure that those in need of child care are able to work. As a community, we have to think of a different way to provide child care. Karen suggested child care sharing. This will be an ongoing discussion.
- e. Julie and Jennifer will request approval and funding for PHAB Accreditation to the BoCC in July. The Accreditation Team meetings will start in July. We are applying for Accreditation in 2018 and expect a site visit in 2019.
- f. The Branding Strategy, Health Promotion Disease and Prevention Plan, CHIP Meeting, Workforce Development Plan, and the Worksite Wellness Plan are all currently in progress.

3. Drug Amnesty

- a. More details to come on this topic. The Kansas Syringe Exchange Programs are not legal in the State of Kansas. Could this be a municipality? Data will be pulled on this topic.

4. other

- a. Karen suggested having the Farmers Market at the Douglas Center building due to some renovations. The Customers and vendors of the Wednesday Farmers Market are requesting a new location. The vendors would prefer having an area they can back their vehicles into with their goods. An open shelter with a cover is desired to keep customers and vendors dry. There is an interest in having a community kitchen in the Douglas Center. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways Grant would help this process if awarded.
- b. Ginny said the Tobacco Free Ordinance in Manhattan is set to expire at the end of 2018. This policy was made official by the voters. The Tobacco Free includes smoke free play grounds among others. Karen will check into this topic.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm Adam

Next Meeting: July 26th, 2017 @ 4:00pm