



Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

MEETING MINUTES – August 23rd, 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. Jennifer called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm
- b. Call for other items to be added to the agenda
- c. No public comment.
 - i. Mercy Regional Hospital provided lengthy acute care for those with behavior health challenges for a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, there was difference in funding. Those that visit the ER for behavior health are now admitted to the main rooms. The hospital utilizes students to help facilitate and to have a physical presence. The patients have to be constantly monitored. Karen said the Mental Health Task for is trying to obtain numbers on what the lack of mental health facilities is costing the community.

2. Director's Report

a. Grants

- i. We were invited to give a presentation for the Memorial Hospital Foundation Grant on August 31st. We submitted for \$10,000 to support Becoming a Mom.
- ii. We are submitting an Accreditation Support Initiative through NACCHO. The funding which is up to \$15,000 will be used to support PHAB Accreditation. Applications are due August 30th, 2017. We will find out in October if we've been awarded.
- iii. We are re-submitting the Deihl Fund (GMCF) in October. The last time we applied, our intent was to have a health care worker in the USD 383 school system to help the homeless students. We were told we had a good application but was denied because we requested too much money. This time we apply, we will request less money. This funding will accommodate a new staff member that will work 8 hours a week in the school system. Karen mentioned that grants typically don't give money to compensate for staff time. Jennifer said that we don't have the manpower to make these happen without this grant. If we are awarded this grant we will need to hire someone to fulfill this role.

b. WIC Office is open

- i. The new Fort Riley WIC Office is located in Irwin Army Hospital on the ground floor next to the Occupational Therapy Department.
- ii. Fort Riley hours of operation are Monday – Wednesday from 8a-5p and Thursday from 9a-3:30p. Fort Riley WIC Staff will be at RCHD from 4-7 and all day on Fridays but will not see clients. The intent is for WIC to be a part of the overall health of moms care while in the hospital. A RCHD WIC Dietitian presented the WIC program to the IACH OB Staff.

c. Hiring

- i. WIC hired 1 full time WIC Clerk, Angie Hobbs and 1 full time Dietitian, Kristi Glessner.
- ii. The Kansas Health Foundation Grant will fund a Community Liaison. The new staff member will start Sept 5 and will play a role in multiple coalitions such as the Farmers Coalition.
- iii. RR has made a conditional offer to someone that has worked with the St. Francis Program. They are waiting for the background check and the drug test to be complete.
- iv. The MCH Program will be conducting interviews next week.

- d. Save the date
 - i. Okt-FLU-ber Fest is a Flu Shot community event. This event will be held Thursday, October 26th from 1:30p – 7:00p on the Health Department Campus. The vaccine registration closes at 6 pm. We are hoping to increase our vaccine numbers since USD 383 is out of school that day. Each child will get a pumpkin with a shot. We are hoping to have someone from Fort Riley attend that will provide flu shots to those with Tricare. Unfortunately, Walgreens will not provide free shots this year.
 - e. PHAB Accreditation/Strategic Planning Update
 - i. We have been working on Branding Strategy but are waiting until the FCRC move has been completed. The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Plan, CHIP Meetings, Workforce Development Plan, Worksite Wellness Plan, are all in progress. We will hold a Community Partner's Meeting October 12th from 3:30p – 5p in our FCRC Building. This will allow our partners to provide feedback on how we can be more engaging. Invites will be going out soon!
3. Other
- a. Robbin mentioned the possibility of a new mental health facility being built by the State of Kansas but will be operated by a for profit organization in Osawatomie. This facility would consist of 260 beds. There is an increase of people dropping Medicaid the eligibility status. It has been taking those applying longer to regain eligibility. Hospitals and mental health must to treat indivual without inability to pay. The challenge is facilities are treating but not getting paid for the services. The Crisis Intervention Act states that individuals in a crisis such as mental illness can be held up to 72 hours in an involuntary basis. This would be for those that don't know they are dangerous to themselves or others. A stabilization unit is needed since this law has taken effect but this would require funding. Karen stated that RCPD has 2 mental health providers for the jail. This seems to be working very well for the department.
 - b. It was mentioned to move Public Health Advisory Council Meetings to Thursdays at 5 or over the lunch hour to help boost attendance of the Council. A survey will be sent out to determine what time would work best.
 - c. Jennifer stated that EMS will take up 2-3 offices in our FCRC Building on the East End. Parents as Teachers will be on the East End with EMS. Child Care Licensing and Raising Riley will be located downstairs in the FCRC Building. WIC will expand upstairs since they've taken on additional staff. Our staff is expanding so we need to utilize the space that we have.
 - d. Robbin questioned how the Clinic schedule change is functioning for the community. Leslie stated that the wait time is shorter those seeking services. When Leslie first started working at the Health Department she saw people leave because they were waiting too long. Sometimes 30 45 minutes. While we are on the phone with those seeking services, they are just scheduled an appointment. Leslie is hoping this flu season with run smoother for the community especially with less wait time.
 - e. Two PHAC Members will need to be replaced. Please get the word out that we have to opening to those that might be interested in holding a seat. Robert Boyd was interested and could be a possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm Jennifer

Next Meeting: September 27th, 2017 @ 4:00pm