

**Peoria County Board of Health
Community Health Services Committee Meeting**

Date: January 29, 2014

Present: Nora Sullivan
Terry Waters
Dr. Hippler

Absent: Samuel Duren

Staff Present: Greg Chance, Public Health Administrator
Kristin Grubb, Administrative Assistant
Curt Fenton, Director of Child & Family Health
Dr. Bishop, Dental Director

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Ms. Sullivan.

There were no public comments.

Approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

In the first item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the Health Department is participating in a pilot project being funded by CDC through ASTHO and IDPH. This pilot project involves improving best practices regarding control of blood pressure. Macon and Peoria Counties were chosen to implement components of the project. The Health Department has assumed the role of project facilitator; other organizations participating are OSF, Unity Point-Methodist/Proctor, Heartland Community Health Clinic, and the Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging. Mr. Chance stated that he hopes to utilize this project as a launching point for community health system-based population health improvement efforts. Based on hypertension data, the targeted zip code is 61605 due to its high number of people with diagnosed hypertension. There is a disparity in the African American population with hypertension control. Mr. Chance reviewed the project objectives, which include:

- Use aggregated NQF18 data to improve population health outcomes by providing feedback to providers, health systems and communities;
- Use Health Information Technology to manage patient panels and identify higher risk patients;
- Use self-measured blood pressure monitoring programs accompanied by clinical support;
- Engage non-physician team members in hypertension management in health care systems;
- Implement policy or systems in health care settings that encourage a multi-disciplinary approach to blood pressure control;
- Expand the role of clinical team members to include a focus on population or panel management.
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Shalonda Knox is the Health Department point person for this project. Mr. Chance stated that it has taken time to get people to the table and engaged in the project. There is also a project being conducted by UICOMP as part of the CTG grant; Dr. Christison and Dr. Graumlich are determining physician hypertension treatment protocols and procedures.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that, regarding the Community Health Improvement efforts, he has primarily been working on the mission and vision of Quality Quest to engage stakeholders for a regional approach to population health improvement. Frank Knott from Focus Forward Central Illinois (FFCI) participated on a Quality Quest Board of Directors conference call recently to discuss the alignment of FFCI's objectives with the vision of Quality Quest and reaching a consensus regarding regional efforts. The next step is for Quality Quest leadership to

meet with leadership from the hospitals in the region to seek their support. Quality Quest has identified obesity as a common challenge based on community health needs assessments. There is an opportunity for collaboration to focus on policy and priorities and align work that is being done in the region. The Community Transformation Grant received by Quality Quest is not to provide direct service, but to create an infrastructure to implement strategies. Funding for this grant ends in September. The Reproductive Health Workgroup held a retreat in December; the group now has two strategic workgroups for STDs and teen pregnancy. It is important for these issues to be seen as health issues and not morality issues. The Oral Health Workgroup has decided that, until the issue of access to care can be addressed, members are unsure if it would be wise to invest in education. In response to a question regarding Carver Center's efforts with the CTG grant, Mr. Chance stated that there was a misunderstanding regarding the grant being a reimbursement grant. However, efforts are moving forward.

At 1:42 pm, Dr. Hippler left the room.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that he would like to solicit feedback/recommendations from the Committee regarding deficient areas of the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan falls under the governance of the Administration & Governance Committee; however, issues related to the Community Health Improvement Plan are under this Committee. Mr. Chance stated that he is seeking recommendations regarding how the Committee wants staff to help the Board identify topics for policy discussion. An example is obesity and if the Board wants to issue a statement regarding that health topic to drive implementation and engage stakeholders. Another example is e-cigarettes, which the City of Chicago banned in public places. It was decided that staff will bring public health issues to the Board for policy discussion. Some of the metrics in the Strategic Plan need to be discussed due to the timeframe objectives not being met.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the Administration & Governance Committee approved the Job Description for the Director of Community Health Policy & Planning/Assistant Administrator. This is a senior level executive position and will reduce Mr. Chance's number of direct reports. This new position is comparable to the currently unfilled Director of Health Protection/Assistant Administrator position. The entry level salary is \$69,000.00; however, based on the Personnel Policies, Mr. Chance has the ability to offer 5% above that without Board of Health authorization. There is also the potential for up to a 5% increase after the probation period. Mr. Chance stated that he is hopeful that once someone is in the Director of Community Health Policy and Planning/Assistant Administrator position, more program areas would eventually be moved under that position. Approval of the Job Description by the full Board of Health will be on the February meeting agenda.

Mr. Chance stated that Dr. Maxine Wortham was appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term vacated by Bonnie Hester.

The Committee reached consensus regarding the 2014 meeting schedule. Meetings will be held at 1:15 pm on the following dates: March 19th, May 21st, July 23rd, September 17th, and November 19th.

Dr. Bishop informed the Committee about the Mission of Mercy event on June 20th and 21st at the Civic Center. It is anticipated that 2,000 adults will receive services during the event.

At 2:04 pm, Dr. Hippler returned.

Dr. Bishop stated there is a need for physicians at the Mission of Mercy. It was suggested that she work through the medical coalition to obtain needed resources for the event.

Being no further assistance, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.