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Health Department

**Peoria County Board of Health
Health Protection Services Committee Meeting
November 19, 2014**

PRESENT:

Joyce Harant
Kathy Simpson
Dr. Na'Allah

ABSENT:

Jennifer Groves-Allison

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg Chance, Public Health Administrator
Carey Panier, Assistant Director Environmental Health
Jean Bellisario, Director of Infectious Disease
Wil Hayes, Director of Environmental Health
Meredith Littell, Assistant Director of Infectious Disease
Randy McClallen, Health Protection Services Coordinator
Jason Marks, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Monica Hendrickson, Epidemiologist
Kristin Grubb, Administrative Assistant

Summary of Action Items:

- Approved October 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- Approved Proposed FY15 Fee Schedule for Health Protection Services
- Voted to Discontinue the FY15 Vaccine for Children Compliance Grant
- Endorse FY15 Performance Management Goals for Health Protection Programs

Follow-up Issues for Next Meeting:

- Regional Health Department Leadership Forum
- Private Pay Vaccine Fee Formula Amendment

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Simpson.

There were no public comments.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting was made by Ms. Harant. Motion was seconded by Dr. Na'Allah. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Ms. Hendrickson reviewed STD Data for the third quarter of 2014.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that approval of the next fiscal year Service Fee Schedule is an annual item. The program area fees for approval by the Committee are Infectious Disease and Environmental Health. The fee study analysis conducted by the Bellweather Group indicated the actual cost of conducting service in the STD Clinic is close to \$50.00 while the fee being charged is currently \$10.00. The proposed FY15 fee for the STD Clinic is \$20.00. Mr.

Chance stated that this is not a revenue issue, but rather a policy issue regarding putting a value on the service to hopefully influence behavior. He added that if a client is unable to pay the fee, the service is still provided. The Vaccine for Children administrative fee was also discussed as the proposed FY15 fee is \$20.00, which is a \$5.00 increase. The vaccines are still administered if the family cannot afford to pay the fee. Mr. Chance stated that the private pay vaccine formula will be brought to the Committee in January. After much discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Na'Allah to approve the proposed FY15 Fee Schedule for Health Protection Services as presented; however, the FY15 STD Clinic fee at \$15.00 and be more stringent with those who cannot pay. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the Health Department has been the compliance agent for the State of Illinois regarding the Vaccine for Children program for the past four years. The program has now become more regulatory in nature and the service delivery area would be expanded to Woodford and Tazewell Counties. Mr. Chance stated that originally, this program was a good way to build relationships with medical providers. Since those relationships have been established, discontinuing the Department's activity in what has become more of an auditor's role is not a significant issue. A motion was made by Dr. Na'Allah to discontinue the FY15 Vaccine for Children Compliance Grant. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Program Expectations/Outlooks for FY15 were reviewed.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the Health Department is in the second year of developing a Performance Management Plan, which is a roadmap for staff and management. He added that a report for FY14 Performance Management will be provided to the Board at its February meeting. A motion to approve the FY15 Performance Management Goals for Health Protection Programs was made by Dr. Na'Allah. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium has developed proposed legislation to amend the Good Samaritan Act to include volunteers in emergency response regarding liability coverage. The bill was introduced in the spring session for the Illinois General Assembly; however, it had opposition from the Trial Lawyers Association. The Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium is attempting to reach the Trial Lawyers Association to determine what the issues are. It is hoped that the proposed legislation will be introduced again during the upcoming spring legislative session. Mr. Chance stated that this activity will continue to be monitored.

In the next item of business, Mr. Hayes reviewed with the Board the online Homeowner Onsite Wastewater Treatment Education Program that is now available on the Health Department's website. He stated that Mitchell Housewright did a great deal of work to get this program going. Mr. Hayes stated that, effective January 1, 2015, homeowners applying for construction permits for new systems or repair to systems will be required to complete the online education. A certificate of completion is sent to Environmental Health via email.

Ms. Bellisario provided an update regarding the Health Department's Ebola response. She stated that updates continue to come from CDC and IDPH. The Health Department's role, should there be a case of Ebola in Peoria County, would be surveillance and contact tracing. While there are no confirmed cases in Illinois, there have been 12 at risk individuals who have entered Illinois as their final destination. IDPH has discontinued its telephone hotline number for Ebola information. Health Department procedures have been developed regarding monitoring and quarantine. Mr.

Chance added that, while there are facilities designated to treat Ebola in Chicago, no medical facilities have been identified for treatment in downstate Illinois.

Mr. Hayes stated that changes will be occurring regarding the non-community water program, which pertains to water wells for locations serving 25 or more non-residents. Currently, there are 48 facilities meeting this definition in Peoria County. More regulations at the local level are being implemented; however, there will not be any additional funding.

Mr. Chance stated that the fracking rules and regulations were approved by the Joint Commission for Administrative Review (JCAR). There has been a court case filed seeking to halt the implementation of the rules.

Mr. Chance stated that the comment period regarding raw milk sale regulations has been extended. IDPH will review and respond to all comments; the regulations will then go to JCAR.

Mr. Chance stated that a debriefing was held with HUD regarding why the Health Department did not receive funding for the Lead Hazard Control Grant. While the Health Department had a strong application with a score in the 80s, there was no money left for allocation by the time HUD got to PCCHD. Of 61 applicants, only 20 were funded.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.