



**Peoria County Board of Health
Community Health Services Committee Meeting
April 14, 2015**

PRESENT: Nora Sullivan
Rev. Duren
Dr. Na'Allah

ABSENT: Dr. Hippler

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Chance, Public Health Administrator
Kristin Grubb, Administrative Assistant
Kelly Stewart, Community Health Programs Manager
Kristin Thornburg, Interim Director of Child & Family Health
Monica Hendrickson, Epidemiologist

Summary of Action Items:

- Approved meeting minutes of February 5, 2015
- Approved Sending Request for IPLAN Submission Extension
- Authorized Strategy for Child & Family Health Program Area

Follow-up Issues for Next Meeting:

- Applying Policy Framework to Policy Development

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Ms. Sullivan. There was not a quorum present.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Stewart and Ms. Hendrickson provided an update regarding implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan. Regarding the obesity collaborative, Ms. Stewart stated that the YMCA is conducting the afterschool Catch program, the Hult Center for Healthy Living will conduct an in-school pilot Catch curriculum program during summer school. Gifts in the Moment (gitm) has begun to put into operation the mobile food van. A Spring Fling event was held at Taft Homes through the Peoria Housing Authority. Another even will be held on April 25th. The YMCA, Hult and gitm all participated on a radio show with Kim Brooks-Miller. Gifts in the Moment is trying to facilitate development of a local food policy council. Ms. Hendrickson stated that she and Ms. Adamson are facilitating the Reproductive Health Workgroup due to Randy McClallen's departure from the Health Department. She distributed handouts showing the summary of activities to date as well as the structure of the workgroup. An Action Plan in a dashboard format for the Reproductive Health Workgroup was also distributed. Ms. Hendrickson stated that contraceptives have been added to UnityPoint school-based Health Clinics. Dr. Na'Allah stated that four questions regarding sexual activity have been incorporated into the EHR for patients age 11-24. If any of the questions are answered with a yes, the questions are flagged and the physician addresses the issues with the patient. She added that it has been challenging to get St. Francis and Heartland to incorporate this process into their clinical protocols.

In the next item of business, Ms. Hendrickson reviewed the Maternal Child Health 2014 Quarter 2 Report. There was discussion regarding the disparity in birth outcomes in the African American community.

Rev. Duren entered the meeting at 5:54 pm. With a quorum now present, a motion was made by Rev. Duren to approve the meeting minutes of February 5, 2015. Motion was seconded by Dr. Na'Allah. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that part of Goal #3 of the Strategic Plan includes being more effective at reporting out on the health status of Peoria County. The Peoria County Community Health Indicator Report will be an annual document presented to the Board and distributed in the community. There was discussion regarding the ability to obtain data in a timely manner and from the hospitals. Mr. Chance stated that the Board needs to give direction as to what issues/information needs to be distributed. There was discussion regarding the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that Ms. Adamson developed the application of policy framework for Community Health Improvement Plan issues. The framework includes identifying the problem, options and what can be influenced. It was suggested that the focus be on STDs. Mr. Chance stated that Ms. Adamson will talk with her team regarding how to proceed with more dialogue around policy and Board support for the Reproductive Health Workgroup efforts.

In the next item of business, a motion was made by Dr. Na'Allah to approve the request to IDPH seeking an extension for IPLAN submission. Motion was seconded by Rev. Duren. Mr. Chance stated that he has been working with the hospitals regarding conducting the Community Health Needs Assessment along with the hospitals. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the County Health Rankings focus on the need to include socioeconomic factors as indicators for health. More stakeholders are embracing the County Health Rankings.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that he is asking for the Committee's support in reorganizing the Child & Family Health Division. He stated that it seems the Health Department has allowed the State of Illinois to dictate how maternal child health issues are addressed in Peoria County via grant dollars. The two programs in Child & Family Health are WIC and APORS. Mr. Chance stated that, in order to do a better job of addressing risk factors influencing poor birth outcomes, he would like to move Child & Family Health under the Community Health Policy & Planning Division. This would include changes in staffing and leadership for the Child & Family Health Program. Mr. Chance stated that he would like to see WIC complimented by appropriate programs and a more holistic approach towards improving maternal and child health issues. A motion was made by Dr. Na'Allah to authorize the strategy for the Child & Family Health Program area. Motion was seconded by Rev. Duren. Motion carried (3, 0).

Ms. Thornburg stated that she is working on filling the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, Nutritionist, and Public Health Nurse positions currently vacant in Child & Family Health. In response to a question from Dr. Na'Allah regarding what is being done to attract more minorities to work at the Health Department, Mr. Chance stated that ads for openings are placed in an African American nursing newsletter. He added that one Public Health Nurse position will be replaced by an LPN, which should provided a larger pool of applicants.

Being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 6:46 pm.