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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE GREEN LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 571 COUNTY ROAD A, ROOM # 1135, GREEN LAKE, WI ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 AT 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Munsey, Jeanne Lyke, DeAnn Thurmer, Harley Reabe, Jean Kessler, Tammy Bending, Nancy Hoffman

EXCUSED: Pat Brandstetter

ALSO PRESENT: Kristen Dorsch, Kristine Biesenthal

Call to Order: Lyke called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Certification of Open Meeting Law: The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: Motion/second (Hoffman/Bending) to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances: Kristen Dorsch & Kristine Biesenthal – Presentation on Dementia: Munsey introduced Kristen Dorsch, Adult Services Worker, and Kristine Biesenthal, Dementia Specialist, to Committee members. Dorsch and Biesenthal gave a presentation on dementia. Resources were shared. Discussion followed.

Following is the link for videos.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=thought+the+eyes+of+a+person+with+dementia+milwaukee

Also, if anyone is interested in signing up for “Dementia Live”, please contact Kristen Dorsch directly at (920)294-4070 to find out information regarding availability for training. Training is also available for facilities and can contact Dorsch as well for that.

Quarterly Report on Health Unit Activities: Munsey reviewed health Unit Activities with Committee members:

Munsey reported regarding the Group Health Trust grant funds amounting over \$19,000 to provide an Employee Wellness Program.

Munsey reported regarding Respiratory Fit Testing to assure safety with N95 mask if need to enter homes where there are communicable diseases such as TB, for the Portacount machine, which is shared by 11 counties.

Munsey reported that Clay Lamberton Wellness night was held on January 18, 2019. Julia McCarroll attended the Wellness night and provided information on hand washing and disease prevention. Discussion followed regarding the success in getting Berlin and Princeton Schools to complete the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Discussion followed.

Munsey reported that Health Unit Staff met with Gary Podoll to complete the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment for Green Lake County. The results are then shared with our Regional Health Emergency Response Coalition (HERC) and information is collated to determine highest areas of risk for our Region. In Green Lake County, the highest areas of risk included: major communications disruption; cyber attack; power outage; flu outbreak and severe weather (this includes tornadoes, blizzards, ice storms, floods, etc.). These are based on probability and potential for damage.

Munsey reported that she did a presentation at Ripon College as part of a panel to over 100 students and professors on the status of health in our county and the relationship between health and the environment. Munsey will be working with them on the Dalton water project next semester with perhaps some GIS mapping on wells. Munsey has also been asked to be a judge for the "Innovation Hackathon" which looks at the United Nations priorities and they come up with solutions to these problems such as poverty, water problems, food insecurity, etc.

Munsey reported that she was asked to present at the Statewide Department of Health Services Operations Conference. Munsey reported that the presentation was on succession planning. The conference focus was on workforce development and how to prepare staff for moving up the ladder.

Munsey reported that 5 nurses in the Health Unit are working on completing 20 hours of on-line training to be certified to provide billable Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) to consumers.

Munsey reported that nursing staff helped provide psychiatric services in the Behavioral Health Unit until the new Psychiatric Nurse started at the end of March.

Munsey reported that HERC is collaborating with Theda Care and Public Health to begin an opioid abuse prevention campaign. This will include billboards, TV and radio ads, along with social media messages.

Munsey reported that Rachel Prellwitz, PHN, and Shari Krause provided home visits to the Amish for immunizations. They were able to serve 6 families and administer 21 immunizations. Munsey shared a handout on immunization compliance rates showing Green Lake County at 74% for age 2-year old compliance. This includes Amish children.

Munsey reported that all staff had their annual re-certification for CPR.

Munsey reported that the HERC met and did a tabletop exercise and review of a required hospital evacuation event with Gary Podoll and Sheriff Podoll both in attendance.

Munsey reported that a community narcan training was held at the Green Lake Caestecker Library in March with 15 in attendance. Each attendee received the training and 2 doses of narcan. Lock boxes, deactivation kits and brochures with provider services information were also shared.

Munsey reported that the Princeton School Wellness Night was held on March 7, 2021. The Health Unit provided several displays including a simulated teens room with hidden drug and alcohol paraphernalia; a blender bike where kids could ride the bike and blend a smoothie as they pedaled, and a car seat safety demonstration for parents.

Munsey reported that the Health Unit has acquired flood clean-up kits from the Red Cross and have been distributing them in the Princeton and Berlin area which were the hardest hit.

County Health Rankings: Munsey reported that Green Lake County went down in the health outcomes, which is an indicator of premature deaths and quality of life (those who report poor or fair health days). In 2018, we ranked 44th and in 2019 we ranked 53rd. For health factors, we ranked 55th last year and are 47th this year. Health factors include behaviors such as smoking, obesity, inactivity, sexually transmitted infections and alcohol impaired driving. Health factors also include clinical care, meaning insured and access to care along with social and environmental factors such as high school graduation rates, poverty levels and injuries and deaths. It also includes the physical environment and air pollution, water quality, severe housing problems and commutes to work. Within our 6 county Central WI Health Partnership (CWHP), all 6 counties went down in rankings. We will use this information to educate our policymakers and hopefully can make changes that will move us towards number 1 ranking. Ozaukee County is ranked number 1 in the state. Discussion followed.

Health Equity Grant Update: Munsey reported that interviews were held for a new coordinator for the CWHP regional grant project. Munsey reported that the Governor proclaimed Health Equity as a State priority.

Environmental Health/Agent Status Report: Munsey reported regarding a cat bite incident that went to Court with the individual not showing up for Court. Green Lake County disputed that the individual said they were not the owner of the cat and we were billed \$250 in quarantine fees by the vet. Munsey reported that the Court ruled in our favor.

Dalton Water Update: Munsey updated Committee members that she organized a meeting with UW-Extension, Land Conversation and the County Board Chair, Harley Reabe to discuss the next steps. The group has decided to do a county-wide media campaign to encourage annual well testing. Public Health will do an article on why you should test annually and UW-Extension will do an article on what to do if the sample comes back positive for nitrates and bacteria. Public Health will also evaluate nitrate levels going back 10 years to get a sampling to determine if some areas are more at-risk than others. The group plans to include Zoning as well to look at possible reasons for nitrates and bacteria including failed septic systems, wells that were not properly abandoned, etc. Paul Gunderson will also look at getting us enrolled in a UW-Stevens Point well testing program. The group will be attending a WI Counties Association meeting in Stevens Point in April on water quality issues in WI per County Board Chair's request. An excel spread sheet has been created included over 130 water tests since 2003. A press release was done on testing wells annually and Ben Jenkins, UW-Extension, will follow-up next week with what to do if have abnormal results. Discussion followed.

Community Health Assessment: Munsey reported that the Health Unit in conjunction with Theda Care system is working on a 9 county Community Health Assessment. A meeting was held last week to discuss mental health issues. Our CHAT team with results from the Plunge is working on a home visitation program for prenatal to age 1 families. It is anticipated to start this program in January of 2020 if grant funds are available. Also in the works are intergenerational “Wiggle and Giggle” groups and Parent Café’s. Munsey reported that both Berlin and Princeton Schools have agreed to do the Youth Risk Behavior Studies which will provide information on health of our youth. Discussion followed.

Policy on TB Assistance Program – Action Required: Munsey presented the Policy on TB Assistance Program for Committee review. Motion/second (Hoffman/Kessler) to approve the Policy on TB Assistance Program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Discussion: None.

Future Meeting Date: The next Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Future Agenda Items After Action and Discussion: Health Officer Abatement issues, quarterly update

Adjournment: Motion/second (Thurmer/Bending) to adjourn the meeting at 9:24. All ayes. Motion carried.