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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 # 1106, GREEN LAKE, WI ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019 AT 8:00 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Munsey, Jeanne Lyke, Harley Reabe, Jean Kessler, Nancy Hoffman, Pat Brandstetter

**EXCUSED:** Tammy Bending, DeAnn Thurmer,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lindsey Eierman, Central Wisconsin Partnership Community Engagement Coordinator; Jason Jerome, Director; Karen Davis, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order: Lyke called the meeting to order at 8:01 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/Brandstetter) to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances: Lindsey Eierman, Central Wisconsin Partnership Community Engagement Coordinator: Munsey introduced Lindsey Eierman, Central Wisconsin Partnership Community Engagement Coordinator. Eierman did a presentation on what Health Equity is and what it is not. Eierman explained the Central WI Health Partnership strategies to accomplish health equity. Discussion followed.

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

Munsey reported that there were 2 confirmed cases of pertussis in Green Lake County.

Munsey reported that Amish home visits are continuing and being received really well. Staff did 19 home visits to Amish families for immunizations in September. Discussion followed.

Munsey updated Committee members regarding the Personal Conviction Waiver Resolution. This has been put on hold at this point. Munsey reported she is awaiting direction from the State regarding this Resolution. Munsey reported that there was a lot of correspondence from anti-vaccine supporters expressing support against the passage of the resolution. Discussion followed regarding pros and cons. Committee members will be updated.

Munsey updated Committee members regarding “swimmers itch” issues throughout the summer in Green Lake County. The last date of a complaint was July 14, 2019.

Munsey reported problems on Little Green Lake with blue green algae throughout the summer. Munsey reported that harmful algae exposure has to be reported to the state now in the WI Electronic Disease Surveillance System. Munsey reported regarding cases this summer.

Munsey reported that there was a booth at the Green Lake County Fair to share environmental concerns. The public was informed on lead, water, air quality, ticks and more.

Munsey reported that Green Lake County was successful in writing for a \$10,000 Environmental Health Tracking Grant. This funding will be utilized to create a water quality task force to do 150 free water tests for nitrates and bacteria in areas of our county that have little data.

Munsey reported that the Health Unit received 2 grants from the Oshkosh Community Foundation – Wishing Well Grants. Munsey reported that Rachel Prellwitz wrote for funds to provide funds for new car seats for those who cannot afford them and equipment for her car safety inspection program. Prellwitz also attended the Governor’s Conference on Car Seat Safety this month. Munsey wrote for funds to replenish some of dental equipment.

Munsey reported that the Health Unit participated in the National Night Out which was held in Green Lake this year. Health Unit staff provided information on water and beach safety and car seat safety.

Munsey reported that a disaster drill was held on August 14, 2019 with many other county employees. The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for ESF (Emergency Support Function) 6 & 8 which means health and safety and sheltering. The exercise went well. DHHS worked with the Berlin School District to test their Family Reunification Center.

Munsey reported that she attended an Opioid Summit in Appleton. Munsey reported that focus was to educate first responders, law enforcement and health care providers on current issues surrounding this crisis. Discussion followed.

Munsey reported that Julia McCarroll is collaborating with Amanda Kutcher, ADRC, to provide a 7 week class on Living Well with Chronic Conditions at the Princeton Senior Center.

Munsey reported that flu clinics have started and will continue throughout the flu season at various locations.

Munsey reported that the Birth to 3 onsite visit was conducted on September 27, 2019 with State personnel. The visit went well. Munsey reported that there is carryover money for the Birth to 3 Program. Staff are looking into the home visitation program and grant funding to help with this program.

Environmental Health/Agent Status Report: Munsey reported that Allison McCormick, Environmental Health Specialist, completed the lead hazard investigator and inspector trainings to become licensed.

Munsey reported that McCormick is also working on becoming a registered sanitarian.

Munsey reported regarding a complaint regarding apartment complex. The complex was inspected and a list of improvements required.

Munsey reported regarding 3 homes that are still placarded with abatement in progress.

Discussion followed regarding that there is not adequate housing for lower income families.

Well Water Update – Environmental Health Tracking Grant: Discussion above.

Budget Discussion: Munsey explained that the county is looking at changing to the State Health Insurance. Discussion followed.

Munsey reported that the employee wellness program funding is being eliminated and the Health Educator position will be eliminated.

Committee Discussion: None.

Future Meeting Date: The next Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Adjournment: Motion/second (Brandstetter/Kessler) to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.