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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, JULY 8, 2020 AT 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Pat Brandstetter, Nancy Hoffman, DeAnn Thurmer, Tammy Bending, Jeanne Lyke

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Munsey, Harley Reabe,

EXCUSED: Jean Kessler

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Jerome, Director (via Zoom); Karen Davis, Administrative Assistant (in person)

Call to Order: Lyke called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 (Bending/Brandstetter) to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Munsey reported regarding COVID-19 activities. Munsey reported that there are 41 positive cases to date. Munsey also reported that close to 1,900 individuals have been tested in the county. Munsey reported that concerns regarding getting all tested that are requesting even asymptomatic.

Munsey reported that it has been a challenge to trace COVID contacts since some of them have been in contact with over 30 individuals.

Munsey reported that the trend has been that if an adult family member has tested positive, additional household members get COVID also. Munsey explained the quarantine process and how supplies/food are being supplied.

Munsey reported regarding tested done at facilities, i.e. Del Monte, Markesan. Munsey reported that DHHS is working closely with the state to find an isolation area to quarantine the positive individuals from any area in the county.

Munsey reported that branches have been set up. One of the branches is schools, in which several meetings are being held to determine how to proceed with such things as re-opening schools. Munsey explained all the barriers/concerns to re-open. Discussion followed regarding connecting so schools in the area can try to be consistent in their process. Munsey explained more regarding the meetings and who is involved.

Munsey reported regarding all the other school meetings that are being held to follow all the ever-changing rules. The planning needs to have all the aspects, virtual, in person, and blended.

Munsey reported that Betty Bradley, Aging/ADRC Unit Manager, is heading up the Long Term Care branch to make everyone aware of new rules. Discussion followed.

Munsey reported that another branch is Funeral Homes/Churches in which Sarah Guenther, Register of Deeds, is working with getting them the latest guidelines.

Cathy Schmidt, is working on Government Center and re-opening and guidelines.

Judge Slate is heading up Courts.

Munsey is part of the Community events branch, which helps to determine low, medium, or high risk events and how to make them as safe as possible.

Munsey reported that Allison McCormick, Environmental Specialist, is the contact for restaurants, etc. to ensure compliance.

Munsey reported regarding a plan for mass vaccination and revising pandemic plan. Munsey informed Committee members that additional staff time is being added through COVID/pandemic funds:

- Melanie Simpkins has returned full time to help with contact tracing
- Schneider and Krause, are working full-time at the present time
- Allison Davey, Public Health Nurse, will start in a LTE position starting on July 20, 2020

Munsey explained the plan that was used on the weekends to cover positive COVID's and the necessary tracking/provision of services.

Munsey reported that testing is being done at Berlin Hospital. Bending reported regarding the testing center in Berlin. If patients have symptoms, they call a triage line and triage nurse takes down symptoms and schedules an appointment. The patient comes in a separate door (door 17). Bending reported that right now testing is primarily being done for symptomatic people and those that are coming in for surgeries/procedures. There is some curbside testing being done also. Bending reported that testing might all be moved inside because of the weather. Bending reported that can run tests in house for results but can only run one test at a time.

Deann Thurmer stated that SSM protocol is much the same.

Munsey reported that the Alliant Energy Center in Madison will test anyone whether they have symptoms or not.

Munsey reported that working on a Tri-County National Guard event to get tested. Munsey anticipates that this will be done later in July.

Munsey reported that some pharmacies are setting up testing sites and will continue to partner with our Department and continue testing as needed.

Munsey reported regarding the potential this fall for flu vaccination and COVID vaccinations. It is anticipated that the COVID vaccinations will involve two doses. Munsey reported that the tiers will be looked at to see who will be tested because there will not be enough vaccine to administer to all interested individuals. Discussion followed.

Munsey reported that funding has been increased and contract tracing funding is also available depending on the number of positive cases.

Hoffman/Munsey reported regarding the Amish Community and contacts to educate regarding COVID and safety measures.

Well Water Update – Environmental Health Tracking Grant: Munsey updated Committee members regarding the Environmental Health Tracking Grant. Munsey reported that 211 test kits were distributed in Green Lake County. Munsey reported that the water study task force, which included UW-Extension, Land Conservation, County Board, Green Lake Association and Green Lake Sanitary District all, assisted in distributing the test kits done and returning the kits. There was going to be a community forum, which was cancelled because of COVID. Kevin Masarik will be developing a video to put on the Green Lake County website to explain the results. Munsey reported that the most results were low for the nitrates in wells, which was good.

Munsey reported regarding the help from the Lake Association regarding swimmers itch. Discussion followed.

Results Based Accountability Pilot Using Clear Impact Program with WI Dept. of Health Services Division of Public Health: Munsey reported regarding the pilot program which Green Lake County participated in. This pilot is a dashboard for monitoring data with regard to public health. Hoping to continue with the pilot once COVID vaccine has come out.

Budget Discussion: Jerome updated Committee members that 2021 will need to stay flat with 0 increases. Munsey anticipates Health Unit budget continuing to be the same except for incorporating pandemic/COVID funding into the budget.

Committee Discussion: None.

Future Meeting Date: The next Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Adjournment: Motion/second (Brandstetter/Thurmer) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.