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MINUTES

Le Sueur – Waseca Community Health Board

Tuesday, February 1st, 2022

Held at the Waterville Senior Center

Members present: Brian Harguth, Doug Christopherson, Blair Nelson, Brad Krause, Dave Gliszinski, Daniel O’Keefe, Steve Rohlfiing, John King, Lance Wetzel, and DeAnne Malterer.

Others present: Sarah Berry, Sam Holicky, Leah Cameron, Leah Frederick, Ashley Killday, and Kristen Friedrichs

1. **Call to Order** at 1:36pm by Chair Lance Wetzel
 - a. Review/Approval of Agenda.
 - i. Motion to approve agenda by Dave Gliszinski; seconded by DeAnne Malterer. Motion carried.
 - b. Review/Approval of November 2nd, 2021 minutes
 - i. Motion to approve the minutes of November 2nd, 2021 by DeAnne Malterer; seconded by Steve Rohlfiing. Motion carried.
 - c. Review recent items signed by Board agent.

Two updated grant agreements were shared. Federal Immunization grant added additional places/criteria to be able to spend money. Children with special health needs grant – amount gets paid for the degree of the birth defect that a child is born with.
2. **Annual Business**
 - a. Election of 2022 Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
 - i. Chair nomination: Brad Krause by Steve Rohlfiing; second by Dave Gliszinski. Motion carried
 - ii. Vice Chair nomination: Dan O’Keefe by Steve Rohlfiing; second by Dave Gliszinski. Motion carried.
 - iii. Secretary nomination: John King by Lance Wetzel; second by Blair Nelson. Motion carried.
 - b. Appointment of SCHSAC Committee Member: DeAnne Malterer and Alternate: John King. Motion by DeAnne Malterer; second by Doug Christopherson. Motion carried.
 - c. Revised Resolution of Board’s Agent: Sarah Berry and Alternate: Megan Kirby. Motion by DeAnne Malterer; second by Lance Wetzel. Motion carried. Resolution was signed by Chair Brad Krause and Vice Chair Dan O’Keefe.

3. **Le Sueur – Waseca Community Health Board Financial Overview – Leah Cameron**

2021 end of year summary was reviewed.

Maternal Child Health (MCH) grant was completely spent.

Local Public Health Grant (LPHG) got additional funds in July 2021. Waseca spent all; Le Sueur has funds left and transferred to this year’s grant period to cover staffing for home care training of a new supervisor. Approval for this was received from the state.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – 41% spent
Child & Teen Checkup (C&TC) – unspent money due to staff transitions and lowest priority with transition needs.
Follow Along Program (FAP) fully spent
Women, Infant & Children (WIC) – awarded a certain amount per quarter, have received full award but do anticipate end of the year final reward at end of this month – will be divided between 2 counties based on WIC participation;
Public Health Preparedness Cities Readiness Initiative (PHEP CRI) All work is done all in LSC but staff time is incurred by Waseca County.
Early Hearing Detection & Intervention/Birth Defects (EHDI/BD) – reimbursed for amount of work actually done
Eliminating Health Disparities (Refugee Health/TB Component) Refugees Health grant – lump sum yearly and split between Le Sueur and Waseca Counties
Federal Vaccine Implementation Grant - started April 2021 – amended amount that was first granted and extended time to spend thru 2023. At this point there will be no problem spending this money. Wider parameters have been set on what the money can be spent on.
Follow Along Program (FAP) question regarding this program. FAP is periodic assessments to see how a child is developing socially, physically and mentally. Public health nurses follow up with families if there are concerns with development to be proactive in getting more services in home or community if needed such as Help Me Grow. Enrollment started online and both counties have seen a decline in enrollment since then. Public health staff attempt to try to get them to enroll in Follow Along Program at prenatal WIC appts. Counties get a state generated birth list each month and support staff send out enrollment info and first ASQ assessment at that time but still response rate remain low. Participants can get Follow Along Books and other perks for participating. Both counties go to area ECFE programs to promote.

4. Lodging update – Andrew and Sarah

Lodging ordinance – the state is looking at cleanup and making adjustments to their rules. The purpose is to provide minimum standards and meet customer expectations and safety. Working through situation in Waseca Cty trying to decide if lodging/retreat center met this ordinance. In order to be meet this ordinance it has to be considered lodging that is offered to the public. Rules were created a long time ago when boarding houses were common. VRBOs in Le Sueur County – they are adjusting some things at the state but won't address the VRBO issues. No action needed.

5. SHIP Update, Intro – Kristen Friedrichs

Kristen came from Blue Earth County working in SHIP for the last 8 years. Lives outside of Vernon Center. Community Leadership Team meeting is coming up in February 2022 and she has reached out to those who will attend. Historically the quarterly meetings have been in St. Peter; first meeting in February will be held virtually. Suggesting from Waseca Commissioner that meetings had been hosted at Police Station in North Mankato and that worked well for commissioners in regards to location. \$108,000 will be rolled over from last grant cycle into the new grant cycle. Due to COVID response, SHIP work focus had changed to assist with that.

6. Infrastructure Grant – Sarah

MDH has opened Infrastructure Grant Application process. The grant is asking Public Health departments to think about the things that are needed to fill gaps. There are 4 Strategy areas to be looked at. Deadline is February 3rd for grant application to be submitted. Priority is to keep public health as a focus for communities; making public health feel more familiar with the departments and be more on the forefront of community member's minds. Proposing to contract with a local communications specialist who can assist to help train existing staff on how to keep energy moving within Public Health. This includes developing internal communication strategies and tools as well as public communication be in a more unified manner. 1/3 of staff in both counties are new staff that have started working in the last 2 years. This grant is repeatable and

also hits on equity piece to have access to good healthcare for all. It will also help make staff better and create staff tuition opportunities, in particular for Waseca a certified community health worker and Le Sueur has need for home health tuition planning.

This is a 2-year grant. Estimated annual cost is \$17650. Sarah got a new cost from another communications vendor and it was almost double the cost. Staff is seeking approval to move forward before submitting.

Proceed with submission: Motion by John King, second by Blair Nelson. Motion carried.

7. Updates from the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee – De Malterer

Infrastructure grant application has been a major focus. Committee is focusing on trying to foster a stronger more functional relationship between MDH and public health. Working less in silos and more collaboration between MDH and public health. There is new money from the legislature to work on this.

8. Other

LPH Legislative updates and agriculture worker wellness committee – Sarah

Agriculture worker wellness committee – focus is what the state needs to do different to change equity issues around agriculture workers, especially migrant workers. Housing is an issue – concerns about this in Waseca County to keep everyone safe and healthy. Partnership is different in Le Sueur County with Seneca. There are 4 items in government budget proposal to support equity. Ombudsman worker not related to OSHA who can help when issues arise and can serve as a neutral party. Request for the committee to continue. Ask for strengthening fair labor standards – are they being enforced and is this proactive versus after the fact. Mirroring OSHA penalties – MN different than federal penalties and is the penalty appropriate for what happened. Concerned that OSHA penalties may be larger federally versus what MN is seeing.

LPH Legislative Updates – supporting LPH infrastructure, building better preparedness structures, interests in telemedicine and data sharing

Motion by Brian Harguth and seconded by Dan O’Keefe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Frederick for John King, Secretary.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th, 2022.