

# Grant County Board of Health

August 27, 2019

5:30PM

**PRESENT:** Carol Beals; Greg Fry; Dwight Nelson; Porter Wagner; Robert Keeney;  
Jeff Kindrai; Amy Miller      Excused: Mary K Logemann, Dr. Neil Martin

**Call to Order:** Carol Beals, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

**Open Meeting Law Certification:** Agenda posted online, sent to the news media and posted in county buildings.

**Approval of Agenda:** Greg Fry made a motion to approve the amended agenda as posted, second by Dwight Nelson. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes (6/25/19):** Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/25/19 meeting as presented, second by Greg Fry. Carried.

**Vouchers (June/July):** Greg Fry made a motion to approve the June and July vouchers, second by Dwight Nelson. Carried.

**Monthly Financial Reports (June/July):** The monthly financial reports for June and July were reviewed. Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the June and July Monthly Financial Reports, second by Porter Wagner. Carried.

**Loan Closet Financial Reports (June/July):** The Loan Closet checking account has been closed and has been transferred into the county bookkeeping system. This report will be removed from the agenda in the future.

**Seminar and Training Updates (June/July):** The June and July Seminar and Training Update was presented.

**Syringe Services:** The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is operating Lifepoint in Grant County about one to two times a month upon request of clients. However, they cannot always provide timely services. The Board discussed Scott County Indiana (pop 23,870) and the 181 new cases of HIV identified in 2014-2015 due to injectable drug use with 92% co-infected with Hepatitis C infection

– They implemented a needle exchange to help combat the epidemic and had success. Grant County (pop 51,544) currently has 17 total known cases of HIV presumed to be living in Grant County. There have been 21 reports of Hepatitis C so far in 2019 which is more than double what we have seen in an entire year in previous years.

Syringe service programs have some demonstrated benefits such as reduced spread of disease, reduced improper disposal of needles and accidental needle sticks, education and referral opportunities, and enhanced access to care. Clients are 5 times more likely to seek treatment and 3 times more likely to quit using drugs. They provide opportunities to immunize and test for HIV and other diseases as well.

If moving forward to a permanent site it would likely dispense needles but not Narcan. Narcan would be on site for accidental overdose. The program would be monitored and updates would be provided to the Board. Porter Wagner made a motion to move forward with syringe services contingent on Medical Advisor approval and the ability to establish an MOU with ARCW and work out the necessary logistics, second by Dwight Nelson. Discussion regarding Policies and Procedures occurred. They will be developed similar to Public Health Madison Dane County which Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel has already looked at. Motion Carried.

**2019 Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan:** Greg Fry made a motion to approve the 2019 Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, second by Dwight Nelson. Carried.

**2020 Budget:** Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the Draft 2020 Health Department budget with the understanding that it will be updated as more information becomes available, second by Porter Wagner. Carried.

**Resolution Relating to Personal Conviction Waiver:** Greg Fry made a motion to approve the Resolution Relating to Personal Conviction Waivers and to forward it to County Board for their consideration, second by Porter Wagner. Carried.

**Resolution Supporting Federal Medicaid Expansion:** Greg Fry made a motion to approve the Resolution Supporting Federal Medicaid Expansion and to forward it to County Board for their approval, second by Carol Beals.

Ayes: Carol Beals and Greg Fry                      Opposed: Porter Wagner and Dwight Nelson  
Resolution failed due to lack of a majority.

**Continuous Improvement Reports for Public Health, Home Nursing and Hospice:**

Public Health – ACES – implementation of actions is underway via trauma informed care training. A new project will be picked in the next few months.

Home Nursing – Currently working on reducing Emergency Room visit rates.

Hospice – Currently working on improving Hospice item set Quality Measures.

**Update on Goals:** All goals have been met or actions are ongoing. New goals will be established in February 2020.

**Staffing Requests and Updates:** The Department is currently looking for a LTE Certified Nursing Assistant. The Department will be posting for the following part time positions soon: Physical Therapist; Physical Therapy Assistant; Occupational Therapist; Occupational Therapy Assistant.

**Director's Report: Jeff Kindrai**

-Our Hospice Honors Award was mentioned on the Good News on the radio

-Lung diseases possibly associated with vaping was discussed

-Enteric Illnesses have increased

-Flu vaccine is coming soon

-The quote to update the Hospice website is \$3,400 to \$3,785. We are waiting to see if the website development line item remains in the 2020 IT budget before proceeding.

**Assistant Director's Report: Amy Miller**

-We had a Cite Free State Survey of our Hospice program in July.

**Public Comments:** No public comments.

**Adjournment:** Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn, second by Greg Fry. Carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2019 at 5:30pm.