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DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Wheaton, Illinois

March 12, 2009

Board Members Present	Scott Cross, Dr. Peter Doris, Kyle Gilgis, Linda Kurzawa, Edward Merkel, Dr. Robert Walz, and Dr. Lanny Wilson
Board Members Absent	Dennis Brennan, Gary Grasso, Dolores Kopp and Charlie Thurston
Leadership Staff Present	Karen Ayala, Dave Christiansen, Dr. Rashmi Chugh, Kevin Dixon, Dan Harris, Dave Hass, Mary Lally, and Maureen McHugh
Health Department Staff Present	Pam Christell, Pat DelMastro, Cathy O'Reilly, Kim Siebert, Jeff Swim, Stacey Hoferka, Mary Prignano, Mike Keip, Sue Kowalczyk, and Katy Yee
Public Present	Mahuish Jaued, Melissa LoPinto, and Julie Kander from University of Chicago

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

As discussed at the February Board Retreat we will discontinue standing committees and try a new format with utilizing the Committee of the Whole process to gain full Board input on Agency issues.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kurzawa called the March Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. There were seven members present for a quorum. See list above.

Pharmaceuticals In Water Initiative

Mr. Dixon gave the Board a brief presentation on RxBox, a community pharmaceutical disposal program. (a copy of the presentation included with official copy of minutes)

There is a limited nature of disposal, only one drop site in DuPage. The Health Department is working with the police and fire departments to educate the public by

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introducing the RxBox program to help dispose of medications safely. The program would be introduced in April during Earth Day.

Ms. McHugh updated the Board with regard to the legislation related to Pharmaceutical Disposal. State Representative Patricia Bellock is sponsoring HB277 Rx Drug Repository Program Act. This legislation will offer disposal opportunities to Healthcare Facilities that currently have limited alternatives. Also, it will enhance and strengthen the healthcare Safety nets in our communities by effectively utilizing unused resources.

Program Updates – Economic Impact on Programs

Environmental Health - Mr. Dixon updated the Board on the growth of food facilities and the number of permits that have increased. The well and septic permit numbers have decreased dramatically as well as the inspections dropping and fees lost.

Mental Health Services – Mr. Christiansen updated the Board on the reorganization of staff to increase efficiency. The economy has increased the number of clients and calls to the Crisis line. The indicators used to determine community impact are number of clients served, jail population and suicide rates.

Community Health Services – Ms. Ayala updated the Board on the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program increasing 14 % to 30%. WIC caseload has increased with parents losing income.

All Kids provides insurance to all and allows us to serve the larger number.

Healthworks-DCFS medical case management has a 20% increase in caseload of children ages 6 and under.

In the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer (IBCC) program screening doubled in 18 months from clients losing health insurance.

Smile Day event at the Children's Museum serviced 127 clients from DuPage, with no other way to meet school requirements residents were thankful for this program. Last year this same event served 23 children.

Access DuPage

Ms. McHugh updated the Board on Access DuPage enrollment and impact on the Healthcare network in DuPage.

IMRF

Mike Kiep updated the Board that the 2010 IMRF rates for DuPage County Health Department will be at 10% increase from 8.6% to 9.46%. This equate to a budge increase for 2010 of \$240,000.

ADJOURNMENT INTO THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING