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DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Wheaton, Illinois

September 10, 2009

Board Members Present	Mr. Scott Cross, Dr. Peter Doris, Mr. Gary Grasso, Ms. Linda Kurzawa, Mr. Edward Merkel, Mr. Charlie Thurston, Dr. Robert Walz, and Dr. Lanny Wilson
Board Members Absent	Mr. Dennis Brennan and Ms. Dolores Kopp
Leadership Staff Present	Karen Ayala, Dave Christiansen, Dr. Rashmi Chugh, Kevin Dixon, Dave Hass, and Maureen McHugh
Health Department Staff Present	Maria Uribe, Pat Flaherty, Pat Delmastro, Cathy O'Reilly, Jeff Swim, Mike Kiep, Katy Yee, Sue Kowalczak, Kim Siebert, & Mary Prignano
Public Present	Mr. Bill Roberts from the State's Attorney, Dave Green from Arch Insurance and Marilee Marchelya from UIC School of Public Health

CALL TO ORDER

President Kurzawa called the September Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. There were eight members present for a quorum. See list above.

AGENCY UPDATE

FORWARD Initiative Update

Ms. McHugh introduced Ann Marchetti, who is the Director of the FORWARD Initiative.

Ms. Marchetti explained to the Board that the FORWARD Initiative is a county-wide initiative to prevent and reduce childhood obesity among the communities of DuPage County. FORWARD, represents the collective efforts of numerous partner agencies all working to make a difference in the lifestyle of children and families in DuPage County by promoting healthy nutrition and active living.

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Ms. Marchetti further explained that obesity has reached epidemic proportions. Illinois ranks 10th on the list of states with children ages 10-17 that are overweight and obese, that is about 34% of children in that age group. In DuPage County alone, 31% of elementary students are obese or overweight.

DuPage County Health Department along with over 30 organizations, engaged in the FORWARD Coalition is working together on the prevention and treatment for childhood obesity for families in DuPage County.

Ms. Marchetti mentioned that an advisory board is being put together with Darlene Ruscitti, Superintendent of the DuPage County Regional Office of Education as co-chair, with some seats still open for parents, students and corporate representation.

Mr. Cross asked, in regard to student representation, what ages is the advisory board targeting and how quickly are they looking to fill those seats that are left.

Ms. Marchetti responded that grades K through 12 is the focus of the program and the goal is to have all seats filled by the end of the year. She added that four of the main focuses will be obesity prevention, health, physical activity and wellness and nutrition, there is representation from all four categories on the advisory board. Committees have been established to track the data to identify the obesity issues in DuPage County.

Ms. Marchetti further stated that the Marketing Department from the Health Department has been developing a communications strategy for this effort. The plan is for a public launch in the spring of 2010.

H1N1 Update

Ms. McHugh gave the Board an update on the H1N1. As a follow up from the H1N1 strategy presented last month, Ms. McHugh shared with the Board a calendar of events that will happen over the next few weeks. The goal is to reach out to the community with a message of prevention and healthy habits.

Ms. McHugh also stated that cable companies from various communities in DuPage County were invited to a media day planned at the Health Department. On that day, Dr. Mark Durkin and Dr. Rashmi Chugh were interviewed, and during the employee flu clinic some of the staff was taped. A clip of the interviews will be shown on cable stations through out DuPage County.

The presentation was also delivered to the County Board and was well received. The County Board members, including Chairman Schillerstrom, received their flu shots. There have been many requests from the community for speaking engagements and

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materials. Ms. McHugh mentioned that tool kits are available in English, Spanish and Polish and can be accessed through the Protect DuPage website for the communities and schools to utilize. Finally, Ms. McHugh mentioned that a daily absentee tracking system for school reporting has been developed. The daily absentee reporting is completed by school nurses and is accessible on the Health Department website.

FY2010 Budget Overview

Mike Kiep presented the Board with the FY2010 Budget.

A copy of the presentation is included with the official copy of the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT INTO THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING