

Sweetwater County District Board of Health
November 20, 2013

Present:

Board members:

Mark Sanders Chairperson
Craig Wolfing, Vice Chairperson
Chuck Sykes
David Okano

Brianne Crofts
Cathie Hughes
Donald West

Board of Health Director:

Grant Christensen

Board Attorney:

Mike Stulken - absent

County Health Officer:

Dr. Jean Stachon

Commissioner Reid West - absent

Nursing Staff/Environmental Health Staff

Rocket-Miner

Guest – Nell Johnson

Meeting opened by Mark, Chairperson at 7:15 AM.

Mark entertained a motion to approve the agenda and Cathie asked Mark if she could add her on to the agenda. Motion was made by Craig, seconded by Cathie. Motion carried.

Motion to approve September/October minutes was made by Craig, seconded by Cathie. Motion carried.

Discussion notes – Grant explained this was to let board members know since there was not a quorum at the October 30, 2013 mtg. there was an informal discussion for about 30 minutes.

Cathie Hughes explained that she received over one million dollars in Grant monies for Wyoming Supportive Services for Veterans Families (WY-SSVF). Brochures were given to board members. She said as of today, they are serving 11 counties. There is no other program out there that helps Veterans.

Motion to approve November vouchers was made by Donald, seconded by Chuck. Motion carried.

Dr. Stachon, CHO reported for the month of November. Dr. Stachon passed out Ranking booklets. Dr. Stachon said she is working on Prevention Management which consists of tobacco, alcohol, teenage pregnancy, STD's and suicide prevention. She said both School Districts are on board with the Life RU Ready program. She said currently there are 80 volunteers for this program. She asked the board if

Officer Pacheco could come to the next board meeting to present the program. Mark asked if public health is involved with the Wellness Days that they have currently in the schools. He would like to see public health get involved with that. Grant said he would look into it.

Environmental Health reported for the month of November. Paul reported they have been busy giving temporary permits out to many of the holiday craft fairs. Dr. Okano asked EH if the people that come from office to office selling food if they are licensed. Paul explained that there are two people in town that are legal. They get their license from American Region and they give permission to cook from home. He said that he follows up with the American Region to see who is approved. Paul made public announcements on the radio and in the newspaper regarding food safety. Sara said she has encountered on Facebook that people are selling food from their home. She has tried to follow up with these people and is not able to contact them. She also said people post pictures of tattoos they are receiving from people that are not licensed. She said she has talked to Karla Roich and Karla told her she would see if it is possible for our office to have Facebook for those reasons.

Director reported for the month of November. Grant reported that he attended the Wyoming legislature Health and Labor Committee meeting in Lander for discussion of future funding and administration of Public Health programs. He commented that the proposal is 1. Leave as is, 2. States takes over Public Health and fund them, 3. Block grant Counties. He didn't think this would be decided in this legislature.

He reported he met with Commissioner West and Chuck Radosevich regarding furniture for the new office building. He requested new desks and chairs.

Trista Cross was asked to do a presentation on the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program for the board. She explained the program and handed out pamphlets. Trista said that she and Jean Brunz are the only two nurses trained for this program. She explained because lack of staff, we are not able to promote the program and the program is in demand for our services.

Grant would like to meet with board members and do some strategic planning on what programs we have.

Grant stated because the hospital gets penalties for re-admissions, the hospital has begun implementing a grant to prevent hospital re-admissions. The hospital has two nurses implementing the program, Greer Ferrero and Leslie Taylor. The hospital will have to provide up to 10 visits within 90 days follow up on discharged patients to prevent high re-admission rate.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel issues was made by Cathy, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Action taken out of executive session to make a motion to have the December meeting on December 18, 2013 due to Christmas holiday was made by Craig, seconded by Craig.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cathie, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Next DBOH meeting will be January 29, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Allen
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