

Sweetwater County District Board of Health Special Meeting
January 28, 2015

Present:

Board members:

Chuck Sykes, Chairperson - absent
Brienne Crofts, Vice Chairperson
Mark Sanders
David Okano

Craig Wolfing
Cathie Hughes - absent
Donald West, Secretary

Board of Health Director:

Grant Christensen

Board Attorney: Charles Barnum

County Health Officer

Dr. Jean Stachon

Commissioner Reid West

Nursing Staff/Environmental Health Staff

Rocket Miner Newspaper - absent

Meeting opened by Dr. Crofts, Vice Chairperson at 7:15 AM.

Reid requested to modify the agenda to add financial questions he had. Motion to modify agenda was made by Mark, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Motion to approve November 19, 2014 minutes was made by Dr. West, seconded by Dr. Okano. Motion carried.

Motion to approve December 2, 2014 minutes, Dr. West requested to make an amendment to the minutes regarding the board voting to reappoint Dr. Stachon as CHO. Motion to reappoint Dr. Stachon as County Health officer was voted on and three board members voted for her and three board members abstained. Motion failed. DBOH members agreed to table reappointing Dr. Stachon until further research could be done and board attorney could review information. Motion was made to table reappointing Dr. Stachon by Dr. West, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Reid was concerned with the financials. He feels the money we are receiving from the State MOU contract is not showing up on the financials properly. He would like the money to be shown as a grant in the next fiscal year budget. Reid said as he was looking at the financials, he noticed zero money coming in for the Wyoming Children's Fund grant and the Public Health Preparedness grant. Grant explained the WCTF grant expired and he was not going to reapply for the grant. He explained that our agency will be billing Department of Family Services for those parents who are court ordered to attend parenting classes. He also discussed he would be double dipping if he was using monies from the WCTF grant and billing DFS at the same time. At this time, DFS is not being billed for the court ordered parents. Reid explained to Grant that the County will not be picking up the bill for the expired WCTF grant. TANF monies are being used in place of the WCTF grant at this time. Reid asked Grant how often the PHP grant monies are reported on the financials because as of December 2014 the

grant is in the red. Grant said two reports were behind and we have received one payment for the first quarter. He is working on the reports.

Motion to approve December and January vouchers was made by Dr. West, seconded by Dr. Okano. Motion carried.

Grant prepared a resolution for the board concerning the discontinuation of the agencies skilled home health nursing program. He believes it would be in the agencies to discontinue skilled home health services. He feels like it is the board's decision. Grant is anticipating bringing in \$100,000 a year with other public health programs. He explained as to date we have four Medicare patients. Dr. Crofts asked what we would do if we still have patients open at the end of the phase out. Grant commented at that time we would give those patients options of other home health agencies. Grant explained philosophically public health is not a money making business and will never be one. Motion to adopt resolution of phasing out the skilled home health program as of 12-31-15 was made by Dr. Okano, seconded by Dr. West. Motion carried.

Dr. Stachon reported on her monthly duties.

Paul from Environmental health reported on his department's monthly duties.

Grant touched on a few of his monthly duties. Our agency participated in a grant called the Sweetwater Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The grant is a national network of volunteers. The goal in 2014 was to recruit volunteers may it be professionals or nonprofessionals to strengthen and improve emergency preparedness? Grant asked the board for direction on how valuable this is to do since we did not have any luck on recruiting volunteers for the grant last year. Emergency management offers a class called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the public. The training is three full days for volunteers. Reid asked Karla if she has looked the industries and see if they have anything in place and would be interested in participating. Karla explained that volunteers are recommended to do the CERT training first and then they would be asked to go to trainings for the MRC training.

Grant discussed the two nurses that are doing the HIV/STD program were given cell phones and business cards for patients to call them directly.

Grant and Karla had a meeting with the hospital regarding Ebola. There is Federal grant monies that Sweetwater County will receive from the CDC to prepare for an Ebola outbreak. The money will be to buy protective equipment. The money should be available by March 2015.

Dr. Crofts entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion made to go into executive session was made by Craig, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Out of executive session with no decisions made. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Dr. Okano, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Next DBOH meeting will be Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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