

Sweetwater County District Board of Health

May 28, 2014

Present:

Board members:

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

Craig Wolfing - absent
Cathie Hughes
Donald West, Secretary

Board of Health Director:

Grant Christensen

Board Attorney:

County Health Officer
Commissioner Reid West
Nursing Staff/Environmental Health Staff
Guest – Nell Johnson
Rocket Miner Newspaper

Dr. Jean Stachon

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

Motion to add executive session to the agenda was made by Cathie, seconded by Dr. West. Motion carried.

Motion to approve April minutes was made by Dr. Okano, seconded by Dr. West. Motion carried.

Motion to approve May vouchers was made by Dr. West, seconded by Cathie. Motion carried.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health is final. The County attorney, John Prokos will review and approve the MOU. Once the MOU is approved, Grant will have the board approve pending on approval. Public Health will provide same services with one service added. STD testing and treating will be required by the first of January. The Department of Health is offering training for this service. The State will provide all medications for the STD program. Reid asked what Family Planning has to do with STD testing and if we are duplicating services. Grant explained that STD testing is part of public health and has been for years. All other Counties provide the program. Family Planning is a female centered program. They are not open five days a week and travel to different Counties to provide services. We will be able to offer STD testing and follow up Monday through Friday. One of the reasons we have not participated in STD testing was due to the fact that we would have to provide services under Dr. Stachon's license and she wanted to know what kind of protection she would have using her license without seeing patients and writing prescriptions. Motion was made for the discussion to stay on the floor until it is decided what kind of protection Dr. Stachon has under her license by Dr. West, seconded by Cathie.

Final budget approval will take place June 17, 2014 at County Commissioner June meeting. Grant will be asked to go before the County Commissioners if they have any questions regarding our budget. County Commissioner's approved a 2.5% cost of living raise to all County employees.

Grant asked the board if he can adjust his budget to follow the County's lead in offering the District Board of Health employees a 2.5% cost of living raise also. He proposed the increase would cost around \$39,000.00. Reid explained that the County doesn't fund all County entities cost of living raises and the board may take the County lead but doesn't mean the County will pick up the money. Grant feels like he has enough money in the budget to request the cost of living raise. Motion to approve a 2.5% cost of living raise was made by Cathie, seconded by Dr. Okano. Reid also mentioned the budget should have included an increase for retirement since there will be an increase in July which will go up 1.2%. He explained that we are one of the few Counties' that pay for both the employer and employee portion of retirement which is not required.

Dr. Stachon, CHO reported on her monthly report which was in the packet that was mailed out.

Environmental Health reported on their monthly report which was in the packet that was mailed out.

Grant reported on his monthly report which was in the packet that was mailed out. Grant asked the board members if they liked the pie charts that he gives out monthly. The board all agreed they liked seeing the pie charts.

Grant announced we have engaged in a contract with the University of Wyoming to provide nursing students educational experiences within public health.

Grant announced to the board it has been over a year that any efforts have been made to get the community to agree to put fluoridation in the water. Do they want to take this more serious and is the board wanting to go forward with the plan. The board would like Grant to educate the public and research what it would cost to implement. Dr. Okano said that the American Dental Association has really good information out there. Since this has been a battle with the public in the past, they would like Grant to do some ground work first before going out to the public. Motion to precede with fact finding before going to the public was made by Dr. West, seconded by Cathie.

Dr. Okano asked if our agency was involved with the new Sweetwater County Community Health Center. Grant said we are not associated with the agency, although the name of the center sounds the same. He reported we have received phone calls from the public thinking we are the SWC Community Health Center. He asked the agency if they would consider changing their name so there is no confusion between the two agencies.

Motion was made to go into executive session by Dr. Crofts, seconded by Dr. Okano. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Dr. Crofts, seconded by Dr. West. No actions made out of executive session.

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

Next DBOH meeting will be June 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Allen
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