

Health Committee Meeting Minutes 1/9/2008

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Robert Regan at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Robert Regan, Steve Lanenberg, Mike Wolkomir, Tom Mueller, and Linda Pittz.
Quorum present.

Others Present: June Meudt, Ruth Schriefer, Jennifer Ullsvak and Paula Dail.

Motion for certification of open meeting by Tom/Mike. Carried.

Motion to approve December minutes and January agenda by Tom/Mike. Carried.

Discussion on the Community Needs Assessment and use of Starfish Consulting services took place. June went over the contract details. It was pointed out that a brochure “master” would be done but not copies. June feels that brochure and copies could be done in-house.

In regards to the sampling, suggestion were to be sure to include diversity issues especially in relation to our newer population; be attentive to sampling population, get a sampling of all communities in Iowa County, can we utilize the Commission on Aging newsletter, can we ask questions regarding living conditions of seniors? We want to look beyond just health as these are indicators that influence health: economic development, success of school, early childhood development. Social economic data must also be included: i.e., demographics, family size, income level, gender, sex, etc. What is it we want the assessment to tell or direct us to do? How is this information to be used and by whom? How will it be put into action? June commented that the Health Dept. is responsible to follow through as it has done in the past.

The group felt they needed more time before making a final decision and also wanted to ask the consultant questions. They would like to see if she is able to incorporate their ideas into the assessment.

Motion to have a meeting to come up with priorities and have Starfish Consulting to come and be interviewed in regards to these and her proposal by Tom/Linda. Carried.

Other Issues:

1. Mike brought up a concern with the Jail not providing medical care to the Huber population of these people ever using the Free Clinic. June will ask for statistics on the Huber inmates. June did state that the Jail health system does not serve Huber inmates and that they have the ability to go out of the Jail environment to see a physician. Huber inmates also usually have jobs and can keep their health insurance. The clinic sees people who would otherwise qualify for the Free Clinic. Mike expressed that he feels the county should be providing care as they are housed in the county Jail.
2. What is the status of the “Smoking in County Buildings Resolution?” June still waiting on information from Corporate Counsel on the airport building and from Bloomfield Manor. The committee wants the resolution to go to the full board in February. June to contact needed people to get the resolution done for the next Health Committee meeting.

3. Mike will be gone but would be willing to be on a conference call. June will work this out.
4. June to attend a meeting regarding the “Safe Communities Grant” process. If anyone is interested, she would help as schools need to be involved with this.

Next meeting is February 1st or 8th at noon. Agenda items will include the Smoking Resolution and Health Needs information and Starfish Consulting.

Motion to adjourn by Tom/Linda. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt

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