

## **Stark County Health Board Meeting March 3, 2009**

Present: Glenn Miller MD, Janet Hager, Remi Satkauskas MD, Betty Hoy, Tim Haas, DDS, Nancy Egelston, Chief Buzz Melton

Absent: Sharon Sager

Also Present: Gail Ripka, SCHED Administrator; Sandy Sommer, Duane Stevens, Karen Sumner, Health Dept. Management Staff;

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The quarterly meeting of the Stark County Health Board was held Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the Stark County Courthouse, Toulon. In the absence of President Sharon Sager, Vice President Tim Haas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with 7 members in attendance.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Buzz Melton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Miller and carried via voice vote.

#### **III. DIVISION REPORTS**

##### **A. Home Health Services**

The Home Health Services report was included in Board packets. December statistics show 80 visits made to 15 patients; January stats: 136 visits to 20 patients; February stats: 115 visits to 18 patients.

##### **B. Homemaker Services**

The Homemaker Services report was also included in Board packets. December statistics show a total of 700.25 hours of service provided to 32 clients; in January, 695.75 hours provided to 32 clients; January, 705 hours provided to 30 clients.

##### **C. Clinical Services**

Sandy reported that there were doses of flu vaccine left over this flu season so the order for 2009 flu season has been decreased by 500 doses.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the State no longer provides adult tetanus or MMR vaccine free of charge to the Health Department. It will be necessary to purchase the vaccine from a private vendor and this will result in an increased cost to our clients. Dr. Miller questioned whether it's possible to co-op with another health department to share the cost. Sandy will check into this.

Funding for the IBCCP program will remain the same although the number of participants has nearly doubled (121 in 2006 to 241 in 2008). Sandy had requested additional funding for the Teen Parent Service Program (TPS) but was denied due to State fiscal constraints.

A Women's Health Event, funded by Ticket for the Cure grant, will be held in May at the Bistro. This will be a half day event with speakers and vendors.

The WIC food package is finally being revised. Effective August 3<sup>rd</sup>, fresh, frozen & canned fruits & vegetables; baby foods; whole grain cereals, bread and other products (including brown rice, oatmeal, and soft corn/whole wheat tortillas) plus options for canned beans and canned salmon will be available to WIC participants. Quantities of milk, eggs, juice and cheese will be reduced for women and children. Quantities of infant formula will be reduced for breastfed and older infants. These revised food packages provide less saturated fat and cholesterol and more fiber.

##### **D. Environmental Health Services**

The EH report indicated Kurt would be contacting Soil & Water and the Farm Bureau to make plans for tire collection. However, Gail reported that there will not be a used tire pick up in Stark County this year due to lack of funding.

Buzz stated he was contacted by the EPA regarding hazardous waste projects that have not been completed, such as cleanup of underground storage tanks. Apparently the EPA maintains a list of these sites and there are 27 in Illinois within a 10 county area; one is located in Stark County. Buzz stated that there is funding available to local municipalities and the private sector for environmental clean up of these underground storage tanks. However, since the site in Stark County is on private property, funding would be based on financial need and this particular property owner does not qualify. In order for the township to obtain funds, the property owner would have to deed it over to them to conduct the clean up and when completed, they could deed it back, but at this time, he is not willing to cooperate.

#### **E. Emergency Preparedness**

The Health Department continues to prepare for a large regional dispensing exercise in June. Stark County falls into the Peoria East Region of the City Readiness Initiative (CRI) along with Tazewell, Marshall, Woodford & Peoria counties. Henry County will be incorporated into this exercise as well. The actual pill dispensing part of the exercise will be from 10-12 noon on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the National Guard Armory in Kewanee. The State will also exercise their plan to distribute the medications to hospitals and local health departments in the region. Gail noted that lots of volunteers are need to participate in the exercise as "victims" for pill dispensing, and encouraged Board members to participate and hopefully recruit their families, friends, and neighbors as well.

#### **F. Health Education**

The dental care kits have been distributed and the students were very appreciative. The Senior Living Series for 2009 will begin June 24 from 2-4 p.m. at Courtyard Estates, Bradford. Some of the program topics are medication 101, care giving, downsizing and healthy eating. A walking program called Steps for Better Health is planned for April, May & June; pedometers will be distributed at the libraries in Bradford, Wyoming and Toulon.

### **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Duane reported the year ending balance 11/30/07 was \$106,657.50 and the cash balance as of 11/30/08 was \$124,411.56. The first installment of the local health protection grant was received in December in the amount of \$30,652.49. The \$75,000 CD matured in January and was reinvested at 2.77% for six months at the State Bank of Toulon. He is now seeing payments from IDPH, Medicaid, and Medicare come in more regularly. The Health Department currently has a healthy bank balance of \$144,086.34 as of January 31, 2009

Gail stated she had received some preliminary information on the 2010 State budget. Funding will probably be reduced at the state level, but should remain the same for local health departments, with 3% being held in reserve.

### **V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Mental Health**

The Mental Health Task Force met in January and March. The advocate continues to provide community education and Teenscreen in the schools. The average caseload for the therapist is about 70 clients now, compared to 4 clients when North Central first began to provide services. Gail noted that there were two suicides in Stark County during 2008 with the second one occurring in December. Gail reported that she will be working with the Regional Director of Mental Health in putting together a Webinar about the story of Stark County.

### **VI. ACTION ITEMS\***

#### **A. Health Board Appointments**

The terms of Betty Hoy, Nancy Egelston and Dr. Remi Satkauskas expire in June, 09. All members agreed to be reappointed for another 3 year term. Dr. Miller made a motion to approve the reappointment of the three Board members. Motion was seconded by Buzz Melton and carried via voice vote. Mr. Melton will bring these reappointments before the County Board for approval.

**B. Annual Report**

A draft copy of the FY 08 Annual Report was presented to Board members for their review and approval. A 3 year statistical report was also provided to enable the Board to compare stats from 2006, 2007 and 2008. Family Planning statistics were discussed in relation to the teen birth rate. Kewanee Schools are experiencing an increase in teen pregnancies. At this time there are 23 pregnant teens enrolled in the Teen Parent Services program; Sandy noted none of these are Stark County residents. It was noted that chickenpox is once again a reportable communicable disease. Dr. Satkauskas asked about current blood lead testing requirements. Sandy stated that two lead tests are required, at 12 months and 23 months. If children are over the age of two when they are tested, only one is needed. After further review of the Annual Report, two wording changes were identified. Dr. Haas made a motion to approve the Stark County FY 08 Annual Report with the noted changes. Motion was seconded by Janet Hager and carried via voice vote.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was properly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Stark County Health Board is Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_