

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTh

Board of Health  
November 12, 2013

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Karla Lester, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen, Marcia White, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Roma Amundson arrived at 5:06 PM

Members Absent: Trish Owen (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Steve Beal, Scott Holmes, Andrea Haberman, Chris Schroeder, Renee Massie and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Craig Strong and Hunter White.

Mr. Strong and Mr. White from Boy Scout Troop 49 were introduced . Mr. White is attending a government meeting as a requirement to receive his citizenship and government badge.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes. Ms. Halstead stated there was one minor correction – “Dr. Michelle Petersen was introduced as the new member of the Board of Health. Dr. Petersen was recommended for appointment by the Lancaster County Medical Society.”

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the October 8, 2013 Minutes be approved as amended. Second by Ms. White. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the Mayor’s Office is recommending Mike Tavlin for

appointment to the Board of Health replacing Dr. Ed Schneider. The appointment will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners for approval. Mr. Tavlin is the CFO for Speedway and has served on many boards/committees in the community. Ms. White will resign from the Board of Health in December as she is now employed by the Community Health Endowment. The Mayor's Office will recommend a replacement for Ms. White.

Ms. Halstead stated staff will provide an update on the permitting for the Haymarket/Arena area establishments at the December meeting. Ms. Halstead stated staff are beginning budget discussions for the biennial budget for 2014-16.

Ms. Halstead stated the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) indicators are in the Department Report. Overall, we are pleased with the results but still have work to do. The BRFSS compares Lancaster County to Nebraska and the USA as a whole. Areas of concern continue to be tobacco use by adults and binge drinking. Dr. Doster stated binge drinking could be higher in Lancaster County because of the college population.

Dr. Lester asked for additional information on the Food Package Averages for the WIC Program. Ms. Halstead stated the amounts vary for pregnant women, children and infants. Infants receive the highest amount. The "Food Packages" are the dollar amount of their WIC checks provided to the client that they purchase toward their nutrition for the month.

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

##### A. Board of Health Community Site Visits

Ms. Halstead stated the Board of Health elected to tour various entities in the community. The Board toured the UNL Veterinary Diagnostic Center in September and is scheduled to visit the Capital Humane Society Pieloch Adoption Center on November 20<sup>th</sup>. She asked whether the Board wished to continue the site visits. Board members stated the visits are helpful and agreed to reduce the number of visits to once every three month. Future locations include the EduCare Center, Lincoln Fire & Rescue, the People's Health Center and the UNL Student Health Center. Members agreed to tour the EduCare Center in February, 2014.

#### V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

##### A. Health Insurance Marketplace: "Local Outreach & Enrollment Efforts"

Ms. Haberman provided a presentation on the Health Insurance Marketplace. She reviewed the goals and the local strategies. Local partners meet on a regular basis to share information and resources about the Affordable Care Act, the Marketplace and Nebraska Medicaid. It is estimated there are 35,000 plus uninsured adults in Lancaster County. She stated the Health Department's role is to serve as Certified

Application Counselors as part of our services to the poor and uninsured in our community. Volunteers are needed and will be used for special outreach events in our community. Key points include: 1) qualified health plans on the Exchange are NOT Medicaid products; 2) individuals who cannot afford health insurance will not have to pay tax penalties; 3) individuals who are currently insured through employer paid benefits should stay away from the Marketplace; 4) pre-existing conditions are excluded; 5) no more lifetime limits, annual limits, or higher rates for women; and 6) extension of dependent coverage. Ms. Haberman will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health.

B. PhotoVoices Project

Ms. Massie provided a presentation on the PhotoVoice Project. She stated the project is used to get youth to assume responsibility for identifying tobacco-related concerns in their neighborhood. The project promotes conversation and focuses on tobacco use and its impact on the health of their neighborhood. The youth took photographs that reflect their concerns about tobacco and how it affects their neighborhood and community. The youth wrote their own thoughts and tell stories about what the photographs mean to them. Staff have taken the photograph display to various sites in Lincoln and Lancaster County, i.e., Salvation Army Backpack Giveaway Program, Salvation Army Small Fry Basketball Program and the Malone Center. Staff will also take the displays to the schools in the County and City and work with them to promote the project in their schools.

C. Complete Streets

Mr. Schroeder provided a presentation on the Complete Streets Program. Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities should be able to safely move along and across a Complete Street. Highlights of the presentation included: public health benefits and safety benefits including reducing the risk of obesity; reducing the number of bicycle and pedestrian injuries, reducing the risk of diabetes, high blood pressure and meeting the minimum daily physical activity requirement and improved air quality. He stated the complete streets policies are intended to ensure the entire right-of-way is planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained to provide safe access for all users. Mayor Beutler signed the Complete Streets Executive Order on September 12, 2013 and it included department signatures from Public Works and Utilities, Planning, Health, Building & Safety, Parks & Recreation and Urban Development. The Executive Order and Administrative Regulation will support and encourage the design and operation of a transportation system that is safe and convenient for all users, develop inter-departmental coordination and review standards and policies for compliance. Mr. Schroeder stated the Health Department's role will be providing support and assistance during the early design state of street projects.

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

Increases in permitting the West Haymarket & Arena Area.

Ms. Amundson asked that Binge Drinking be added to the agenda. She would like to see alcohol use/abuse as a priority for the Board of Health.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – December 10, 2013 - 5:00 PM

Capital Humane Society Pieloch Adoption Center site visit - Wednesday, November 20, 2013 - 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President