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KITTTAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2004
10:05 a.m.

Present: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice Chair Carolyn Booth, Board Member Max Golladay, Administrator Nancy Goodloe, CHS Manager Bonnie Corns, Secretary to the Board of Health Nora Ludlow, BOHAC Chair Joan Baird Glover.

Minutes: Perry requested that the spelling of his last name be corrected on the second page of the minutes. Carolyn Booth moved that the minutes of September, 2004 Board of Health meeting be approved as corrected. Max Golladay seconded. Motion carried.

Contracts and Amendments:

Early Intervention Services Contract # 0463-59073 is an annual renewal contract with DSHS for reimbursement of our nurse's work. We seldom reach the maximum allowed by the contract.

Max Golladay made a motion recommending the Board of Health approve the signature of the Administrator for the Early Intervention Services Contract. Carolyn Booth seconded. Motion carried.

Consolidated Contract #C08682 (12): Addition to the Consolidated Contract for Emergency Preparedness Regional funding. There are several focus areas for emergency preparedness. Our SNS plan needs to be in place, there is money to support our work with the hospital. We also need to work on Incident Command with the hospital; our staff and other partners to better understand our roles in an incident. This contract ends in December 2004.

Carolyn Booth made a motion recommending the Board of Health approve the signature of the Administrator for the 2003-2004 Consolidated Contract. Max Golladay seconded. Motion carried.

Updates/Reports:

STAFF POSITION UPDATES: Each of our open positions is in various stages of the application/interview process. The Emergency Response Specialist position currently has 5 applicants with 2 of them being very strong candidates. The Business Manager position closes on Monday October 25. The EH Specialist II position has one new applicant that has more of the needed experiences. Hopefully we will have a full staff by the next time BOH meets.

TB CLIENT: The TB patient was released from isolation effective with November 1, 2004. We will no longer pay rent at the motel for him, but our nurses are working with him to get housing. We expect about 5 more months of monitoring, testing, and medication. The amount of time that we spent with this client seems to be right in line with how advanced he was as compared to TB patients in other areas.

Discussion:

FLU CLINIC: Countywide clinics and physicians are not getting the amount of vaccine expected. We are working with all clinics and physician offices to monitor flu vaccine availability. We have purchased 700 doses from Cle Elum Family Medicine. Approximately 530 of those have been identified as needed for high-risk clients/patients of the following agencies: Home Health, CWU, KVCH, KV Rehab, and a few others. Most seniors at the Senior Center have received vaccine. Public Health may be able to offer some to the general population at high risk. We are aware that some people will be left out, so we are also going to do a Countywide campaign for other ways to protect yourself from the flu. Carolyn said the vaccine would need 2 weeks after the injection to become effective and only protects for about 3 to 4 month with peak protection. The end of October or November is the best time to get a flu shot. We have faxed the CDC guidelines to all pharmacies and physician's offices and asked that they voluntarily comply with these guidelines. Rite Aid will require a prescription from a physician to receive the vaccination this year. Joan asked if there was a centralized body of knowledge that could say how much vaccine is in the County, where is the vaccine, and how much do we expect to get?? Bonnie said Public Health is working very hard to be the center of information. There is none left in the county that has not been spoken for. The hospital got 100 from Fred Meyer for their staff and physicians. Fred Meyer distributed 300, Cle Elum Family Medicine 600, Super 1 gave out 100, and KVCH gave 100. Joan asked if the education would include promoting pneumonia vaccine. Yes, the pneumonia vaccine is available, but it only covers one bacterial form of pneumonia. The flu vaccine does not offer the same protection as the pneumonia vaccine. Currently the plan for Public Health is to deliver the vaccine to Home Health and some other facilities, then set up appointments for the rest of the doses.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES – Adjustment to flu vaccine cost for 2004. Other locations are charging \$20.00 and our price is set at \$26.00. We were going to request to reduce the price to the general public for a mass flu shot clinic, however, we are not going to be able to have the mass clinic as scheduled and feel the cost is compensatory with giving the shots during a regular immunization clinic. Therefore, we would like to take that item off the agenda.

Carolyn Booth moved to adjourn and Max Golladay seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: The next Board of Health meeting will be November 18 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Perry Huston, Chair of the Board of Health

Nancy Goodloe, Administrator

Nora Ludlow, Secretary to the Board

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