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Meeting Title:	PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY SESSION
Date:	September 23, 2008
BOCC Attendees:	Commissioner McClain, Commissioner Crankovich, Commissioner Huber
KCPHD Attendees:	Cathy Bambrick, Holly Meyers and Candi Blackford
Other Attendees:	Bryan Clark and Brent Bottoms
Start time:	11:00am

Metering Program Proposal

Cathy Bambrick discussed the potential costs vs. benefits to the county using a metering system. She and Holly introduced the "Firefly" which attaches to almost any existing meter, stores up to 240 days of data, cost is about the same for the consumer. The software costs: \$15,000.00 plus 2 servers (approx \$17,000.00) OR annual fee of \$12,000.00 per year plus \$.50 per firefly. The benefit is you can log onto the site and get real time data. Currently Sky Meadows is installing the system and other water districts are considering this option. Discussed permission to revise our contract (renew) with DOE- to detail a line item budget and the need for permission to go out for a formal bid. Brent Bottoms brought up discussion about the rule making policy which was discussed at length.

Financial Update

Cathy Bambrick updated that Bonnie from Benton Franklin County came over for a day to assist us with code development for our clinical services. Once the codes/fees are set for our new fee schedule we will have Bonnie review them for us. The health department is also starting a charting system that will start in the beginning of October.

Ms. Bambrick also gave an update that the health department will be starting the 2009 budget without the data from Judy and let the commissioners know to be expecting a preliminary budget in October.

Staffing Update

Cathy Bambrick reported that currently we have the Public Health Clerk I position on hold for now. Also received the ok from Commissioner Huber and Commissioner Crankovich to move Pam Bailes who is part time (32 hours) up to 40 hours a week to help cover for the position that we are not filling at this time. Cathy Bambrick also informed the commissioners that the health department had hired Kasey Knutson for the Health Educator position and she will start work on October 1st, 2008.

DOE Exempt Well Project:

Cathy Bambrick stated that the health department is currently working on contracts with the hydrogeologist and facilitator and as soon as contract dates are set there will be a advisory committee meeting. She updated that the Rule community meetings were 09/23/2008 and 09/24/2008 and that they are still struggling with plat applications apply the rule.

2008 On Site Sewage Permit Data Review

Cathy Bambrick discussed the on-site sewage permit data handout which showed decrease in activity due to late spring. She also stated that the health department is trying to use up the money from the solid waste grant.

2009 Fee Schedule Plans

Cathy Bambrick reported that she was looking for direction from the board for well site inspections. She had asked commissioners about issuing a fee for drillers of wells/septic systems since they currently do not have to apply to drill. This would require them to submit the well/septic application (specifics as to where they will place the well/septic). The fee for this was discussed and there were concerns raised about issuing other fees. The commissioners would like to have the health department do education first and see how things go. Also educate that if no changes are made in regards to drilling in the wrong spots then the county will initiate application process with a small fee for review of site plan.

Public Health Software

Cathy Bambrick updated the commissioners that the health department is currently researching software for Public Health and to be ready to hear a proposal for the purchase of software for 2009.

Grant Application- Aging and Long Term Care

Bonnie Corns presented a handout describing the program proposal for Aging and Long Term Care Nursing Services. She went over the proposal informing the commissioners that the proposal is to:

- Provide nursing assessment/reassessment to recipients of Medicaid Personal Care, COPES programs and completes written documentation for case manager, social workers, identifying client health issues and functional abilities
- Consults with case manager, social workers, medical personnel and others regarding client issues and unmet needs
- Provides instructions/education to care providers and clients in proper care-giving methods to support health and wellbeing of the client
- Documents all activities in the client record
- Performs other duties as assigned such as providing classroom instruction to care providers including testing and assessing performance(Home Health Aid)
- Duration of the contract would be yearly with the ability of either party to cancel with 30 days written notice to the other party

Funding: ALTC will be billed on a monthly basis at the rate of \$75 per hour at 7.5 hours per week

Action Requested: CHS Director is asking the Administrator to seek BOH and BOCC approval to move forward with this request to contract nursing services.

After reviewing commissioner Linda Huber and Commissioner Alan Crankovich approved this and contract will go through approval process.

Plat Application, Water, Availability Discussion

Cathy Bambrick discussed with the commissioners the denial of the Henshaw Plat until water rights are approved. The commissioners agreed.