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Florence County Public Health Ethics Committee

Minutes

Jury Room

Florence County Courthouse

July 26, 2016

2 pm

Committee Members Present: Donna Trudell/County Administrator, Attorney Doug Drexler and Ann Price/Public Health Nurse

Others in attendance: Annette Seibold/Health Department Director

Meeting called to order by Ann Price. Approval of agenda M/S Trudell/Drexler unanimously approved.

1. Creation of standing Public Health Ethics Committee- Purpose and Process

The committee discussed the creation of an ethics committee to provide guidance and advice to the Board and health department staff on ethical issues that arise in the development of departmental policies and procedures. The advice from this committee will provide important guidance when formulating public health policy and an ethics committee.

A Seibold/ Health Department Director reviewed the draft of the ethics committee purpose, structure, how it might operate and reporting requirements. A key feature in this draft is using the Public Health Code of Ethics as the guiding document to evaluate and develop recommendations to the Health Board and staff on public health policy.

M/S Trudell/Drexler motion was made to approve the creation of an Ethics Committee as a standing committee of the Board. Motion carried.

2. Review of Pandemic Influenza – Vaccination Prioritization Plan

The committee received a request from A Seibold/ Health Department Director to review and provide recommendations on the existing vaccination prioritization plan in place to respond to an occurrence of pandemic flu. The department is updating its public health emergency plans and is seeking the committee's input on the prioritization plan provided by DHS on an annual basis or as needed in a pandemic. The committee reviewed the prioritization plan from DHS during the 2009 H1N1 outbreak, which mirrored the CDC's recommendations. The committee reviewed the 2009 vaccination prioritization plan and invited input from the County



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Emergency Manager, Florence County Health Department Medical Director and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The committee reached consensus that the prioritization plan is an example of best practice and should not be altered unless characteristics of an outbreak of influenza dictate a different model to be created. The committee did cite the Public Health Code of Ethics regarding the importance of communicating the plan to the public.

The committee will provide a written response to the Board of Health and A Seibold

Board Member concerns: Discussion on county tobacco age compliance checks which were recently completed by the Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition and are an evidence-based program to reduce youth access. Reviewed sales to minor citation of \$250. Discussion on possession versus sales to underage youth.

M/S Trudell/Drexler meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting date to be determined as needed.