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Florence County Public Health Ethics Committee

Minutes

Jury Room

Florence County Courthouse

WEDNESDAY

March 12, 2021

11:00am

Attendees: Donna Trudell, Jessica McCoy, Ann Price, Amber Kolberg, Annette Seibold, Amanda Hawkins

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Price for the Health Department.
2. Approval of agenda – Motion to approve the agenda made by Kolberg and seconded by Trudell. Unanimously passed.
3. Review of Law and Ethics in population health - Price started with a quote that is applicable to the Pandemic. *“The study of the legal powers and duties of the state to assure the conditions for people to be healthy (e.g. to identify, prevent, and ameliorate risks to health in the population: and the limitations on power of the state to constrain the autonomy, privacy, liberty, proprietary, or other legally protected interests of individuals for the protection or promotion of community health” (Gostin, 2003).*
Focusing on Equity and Inclusion Price provided the committee with background information of Social Determinants of Health and how Public Health Law, national, state, and local policy, ordinances, resolutions, and programming.
4. Communicable Diseases – Current trending issues (Coronavirus). Seibold reviewed current CDC and Wisconsin DHS guidance regarding masks, vaccinated individuals, isolation and quarantine. Seibold also reviewed Public Health’s roles in emergency response to a pandemic. Seibold discussed that overall, schools are following DPI and that DPI follows the CDC guidance. 40.4% of Florence County residents have received at least 1 dose of a COVID vaccine. Trudell would like Florence County’s recent COVID tracking numbers to present to the County Board to help determine future decisions. Hawkins will send the infographics from May 2021.
5. Florence County Mass Clinic Protocol – Seibold explained that each vaccine has 15-30 minute wait time, post vaccination. FCHD has been providing Pfizer and J & J vaccines. Seibold said FCHD is to counsel women whom are of child bearing age about the rare blood clots that could occur with the J & J vaccine. FCHD has been partnering with Florence County Sherriff’s Department and other places in the

community for drive thru vaccine clinics to provide an increased access and decrease barriers for health equity.

6. Board Member Concerns/Future Agenda Items – No suggestions at this time.

7. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 11:30am. Trudell motioned first and Kolberg seconded, unanimously passed.