

McHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Minutes of February 22, 2010

President Andy Andresky called the McHenry County Board of Health meeting to order at the McHenry County Department of Health, Crystal Lake location, at approximately 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Mr. Andy Andresky, Dr. Richard Gorski (by telephone), Ms. Lyn Orphal, Dr. Thomas Skiba, and Mr. Edward Varga. Board members absent: Ms. Linda Brogan, Ms. Eleanor Jackson, and Mr. Dallas Larson. Staff members present included: Mr. Patrick McNulty, Mr. Joe Gugle, Ms. Patricia Nomm, Mr. Mike Eisele, Mr. Jerry Rivard, Ms. Fran Stanwood, Ms. Lilly Warren and Ms. Colleen Helfers. Dr. S. L. Ruggero, the Health Department's Medical Advisor, was also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MINUTES

Dr. Skiba **moved** to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting, **second** by Ms. Orphal. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Skiba **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda, **second** by Ms. Orphal. Following a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS-New

Mr. Varga **moved** to approve the National Association of County and City Health officials' agreement, **second** by Dr. Skiba. Following a discussion, the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

McHenry County Breast and Cervical Cancer Trends

Presented By

Lilly Warren, IBCCP Coordinator

In McHenry County for 2002-2006, the incidence of female invasive breast cancer was 135.7 newly diagnosed breast cancers per 100,000 women, compared to 127.3 for Illinois (white only). In McHenry County, the percent distribution of female breast cancer deaths by age group from 2002-2006 were 9% (under 40 years of age), 32% (40-64 years of age) and 53% for women over 64 years of age. In Illinois (whites only) percent distribution for women under 40 years of age was 6%, 40-64 years of age was 32% and over 64 years of age was 62%.

Of the U.S. women aged 40 and older who have had a mammogram in the last 2 years, 65% of women aged 40-49 have had a mammogram. Of women ages 50-64 years of age, approximately 62% of them have had a mammogram in the last two years as compared to women 65 years and older (approximately 65%).

The percent of women age 40 years and older who have had a mammogram in the last two years by education level are as follows: no high school diploma or GED – 51%; high school diploma – 65%; some college or more – 72%.

Approximately 13% (8,369) of women 40 and older have never had a mammogram. Of these women 2,148 (26%) have an income less than or equal to \$50,000, 2,822 have a high school diploma/GED or less and 2,227 (27%) are unemployed.

Of the women who have ever had a mammogram, approximately 18,908 (33%) have not had one in the last year. Of these women 4,611 (24%) have an income less than or equal to \$50,000, 3,107 (16%) have a high school diploma/GED or less and 3,003 (16%) are unemployed. The total lifetime cancer

attributable Medicare costs are in situ \$21,320, localized \$26,747, Regional \$40,096 and Distant \$52,288.

The five year survival rates based on stages are localized 98.3%, regional 83.5% and distant 23.3%. Based on rates from 2004-2006, 12.8% of women born today will be diagnosed with cancer of the breast at some time during their lifetime. This number can also be expressed as 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with cancer of the breast during their lifetime

Cervical cancer rates and cervical cancer screening statistics in McHenry County (2002-2006) show the incidence of cervical cancer was 6.4 for newly diagnosed cervical cancers per 100,000 women as compared to 8.2 for Illinois (white only). Approximately 5,450 (5%) of women in McHenry County have never had a pap smear. Of the women in McHenry County who have had a pap smear, approximately 17,831 (17.2%) have not had one in the last year.

The McHenry County Department of Health's Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer program was established in the fall of 2007. It is located at 100 N. Virginia Street, Crystal Lake and staffed by 3.7 full time employees. It has served 2,368 women, leading 37 statewide agencies for case load attainment YTD-#1 in Q2.

Program goals for 2010: reach a target caseload of 525 (July 2010); reach more uninsured women 50-64 years of age rarely or never before screened by mammography; engage in opportunities to increase higher levels of awareness and providing education for breast and cervical health in our community; expand and strengthen relationships to forge efforts to reach more women.

Some of the challenges faced by the program in 2010 include: budget reductions (both state and federal) – 20% less funding than in 2009; adjust caseload target to 525 – down 75 from 2009; prioritized screenings only since 11/09 – only women with clinically documented symptoms will be admitted, all others will be wait-listed. Payment/reimbursement timelines and provider engagement are also challenges.

Some FY 2010 facts: 454 women (86% caseload) have been served year to date; 958 enrollees wait-listed for breast and cervical cancer screening appointments; 15 women have been referred for cancer treatment – 11 breast cancer, 7 diagnosed thru IBCCP and 4 with external referrals to HFS; 4 cervical cancer, 3 diagnosed thru IBCCP and 1 external referral to HFS.

The breast cancer screening abnormality rate is 16%. The cervical screening abnormality rate is 3%. Through prioritization, 61 cases have been approved for FY 2010 screening based on identified abnormality in the 2009 screening cycle. The grant reimbursement on cost per case with abnormalities is \$289 per case.

The program's FY 2010 needs are: financial support to allow 30% of wait-listed enrolled uninsured women to complete recommended screenings; a clerical expense fund of \$86,700 covering office visits, breast and pelvic, Pap tests and mammography. Three hundred (300) more uninsured women in McHenry County aged 40 and older would get screened and avoid potential late diagnosis.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McNulty said a copy of the response letter from CDC dated 2/2/2010 to the County Board Chairman on the review of the McCullom Lake cancer information was provided in this month's packet. The CDC stated in the letter that the analysis done and the information provided by IDPH and MCDH was comprehensive and analytically correct. Also included in the Boards packet was a follow-up letter from the Board Chairman to the CDC regarding the clarification of a few facts and asking about the review of Environmental information. The CDC letter was also discussed at the Public Health and Human

Services Committee meeting last week. Chairman Koehler was in attendance at that meeting and asked if there was anything else that the Committee wanted to review further in this matter. The Committee members were asked to read the materials and to bring up any ideas/concerns. Mr. McNulty stated that the Department is open to receiving assistance or doing whatever else it can. Dr. Gorski said that he feels the Department has gone as far as it can go on the Local, State and National levels. Mr. McNulty indicated there is a new set of data every year that come out from the Illinois Cancer Registry which the Department reviews for new trends or developments. Data was originally viewed for 2003 with 2006 now available. In Spring 2010, another set of data from the cancer registry will provide 2007 statistics. The Department will continue to monitor the data. This spring additional water samples will be taken at previously sampled sites. The Board will be kept informed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McNulty discussed the County Health Rankings report published by the University of Wisconsin Public Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for all 50 states by county. It does compare counties to each other in the same state but not to other states; it looks at the complete public health system. Rankings compare Health Outcomes and Factors including health behaviors, physical environment, clinical care, social and economic factors, resulting in an overall ranking. McHenry County has done very well in relation to the other Counties in the state.

McHenry County is ranked near the top for health outcomes, health factors and mortality making it a desirable place to live in Illinois. There are still some areas that we can work on. This ranking system works very well with the planning tool we utilize called MAPP.

Dr. Skiba **moved** to approve the increase to the administration fee for Together We Can Vaccinate, **second** by Mr. Varga. Following a discussion, the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

BOARD ISSUES

None

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Andresky reviewed the information in this section.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

APPENDIX

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Orphal **moved** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55.p.m. **second** by Dr. Skiba. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Thomas Skiba
McHenry County Board of Health Secretary