



Story County Board of Health

MINUTES

DATE: September 22, 2009	Jane Halliburton, Chair	2010
	John Kluge	2011
CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.	John Paschen, V. Chair	2011
	Mark Speck	2009
LOCATION: Administration Building 900 Sixth Street, Nevada	Dorathy Twedt	2009
ADJOURNMENT: 6:05 p.m.	*Absent	

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Angie Huisman, Recording Secretary; Eileen Mullan; Terri Olinger; J. Mizler; Linda Beyea;

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Twedt / Speck (MCU)
1. Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC FORUM: Opened: 5:01 p.m. – Closed: 5:01 p.m.
None.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. Informational Update on seasonal flu and H1N1

Ms. Eileen Mullan, Director, and Ms. Terri Olinger, Public Health Nurse with Homeward.

Ms. Mullan presented the information regarding the contract for funding received. Discussion of the contract continued regarding the source and flow of the funds and the match requirements.

MOTION: Move to approve the contract as presented. Kluge / Paschen (MCU)

Ms. Mullan distributed a handout regarding H1N1 planning. The handout is on file as part of the official record in the Story County Health Department.

Ms. Mullan commented that there has been a lot of discussion about implementation and the vaccine arrival.

Ms. Mullan summarized her discussions via conference call with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) including the anticipated schedule and amounts of vaccine to be received at different intervals as well as the recommendation that local public health work with private entities to dispense the vaccines.

Ms. Mullan noted that all vaccinations are to be entered into the IRIS system for tracking.

Ms. Mullan added that the first delivery of the vaccine is scheduled for the second week in October and they plan to be dispensing the following week.

Dr. John Paschen asked if the vaccine will be shipped directly to the clinics. Ms. Mullan affirmed.

Ms. Mullan noted that IDPH estimates it will take ten to twelve (10-12) weeks to vaccinate everyone in the priority group once vaccine arrives.

Ms. Halliburton asked for clarification that the information being described is specifically for the H1N1 vaccine. Ms. Mullan affirmed.

Ms. Halliburton added that the attention should also be given to getting seasonal flu vaccines as well as H1N1. Ms. Mullan agreed.

Ms. Mullan noted that the information is changing very quickly and that all information provided is subject to change as updates are received frequently.

Ms. Mullan pointed out the priority groups listed on the distributed outline. Ms. Halliburton asked if the groups were identified by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Ms. Mullan affirmed.

Discussion regarding the priority groups continued.

Dr. Paschen asked for clarification to how the vaccine doses will be distributed. Ms. Olinger explained the calculations used to determine vaccine distribution, adding that if clinics are not using their doses they will be redistributed to other clinics.

Ms. Mullan summarized the proposal of the distribution of vaccine as presented in the handout.

Ms. Olinger and Ms. Mullan emphasized the recommendation by IDPH and CDC to begin vaccinations with schools.

Ms. Halliburton asked if the vaccination clinics at schools were proposed to be during the school day or in the evening. Ms. Olinger explained that they are giving each school their preference and that most prefer to hold them during school hours. Ms. Mullan added that most schools are planning ahead and sending home letters to parents to help get estimated amounts of participants. Dr. Kluge asked for the cost. Ms. Mullan clarified that the vaccinations will be free of charge. Dr. Kluge asked how the release forms were to be handled. Ms. Olinger clarified that the typical HIPPA restrictions would apply and that the vaccine information sheets will accompany the informational letter to parents. Ms. Dorothy Twedt asked if the vaccine would only be given if a signed release were received. Ms. Olinger affirmed, adding that verification will occur prior to vaccination. Mr. Speck asked about the entry into the IRIS system. Ms. Mullan explained the intent to have entry done after the clinic occurs. Further discussion regarding the coordination of the clinics at the schools continued.

Dr. Paschen asked for the estimated total vaccines to be received. Ms. Olinger replied that they could receive up to 28,000 doses in the first shipment, noting the challenges in planning due to not knowing definite information from IDPH yet.

Dr. Paschen asked how much lead time will be given to clinics. Ms. Olinger replied that it is still unclear and that shipments will begin in October. Further discussion about the potential problems with vaccine amounts received for mass clinics and the need for patience and flexibility continued.

Ms. Halliburton commented that the information presented is the most current available and that it changes very quickly.

Ms. Mullan described the mass clinics planned as well as the distribution proposed to hospitals and medical clinics for employees.

Ms. Mullan described the proposed point of distribution (POD) sites.

Mr. Speck described an example scenario regarding where someone could go for a vaccination. Ms. Mullan clarified that people seeking vaccination can go to any clinic.

Dr. Paschen and Ms. Mullan discussed the list of providers receiving vaccine.

Dr. Paschen asked if people could receive a vaccine if they are from another county or are uninsured or are not legal citizens. Ms. Mullan affirmed, clarifying that everyone can receive a vaccination.

The Board and Ms. Olinger discussed the priority groups including example scenarios.

Ms. Halliburton asked about the redistribution of unused vaccine to and from other counties. Ms. Mullan and Ms. Olinger described the excellent communication amongst counties as well as IDPH and the plan to redistribute the unused vaccine to places in need.

Ms. Halliburton requested explanation of the tracking requirements of those infected with H1N1. Ms. Olinger clarified that the IDPH and CDC only track hospitalizations and deaths. Further discussion regarding the testing of potential cases of H1N1 continued.

Ms. Halliburton noted the strong concern from people regarding the flu.

Dr. Paschen described the signs and symptoms of the H1N1 flu he has observed at the clinic as well as the treatment being given to those in high risk groups.

Ms. Olinger described the risk of the virus mutating and the need to vaccinate to prevent this from occurring. Further discussion about the benefits of vaccinations continued.

Dr. Paschen pointed out that this virus is not new and there may be more immunity than originally thought.

Ms. Mullan distributed copies of liability forms that will be signed by volunteers. The forms are on file as part of the official record in the Story County Health Department. Ms. Mullan summarized the liability waiver. Ms. Halliburton noted that she will forward the form to the County's legal counsel for review.

Ms. Mullan also distributed the draft provider agreement from IDPH and explained that the provider list it can be changed daily and that the language in the agreement is not negotiable with IDPH and is typical. Ms. Mullan added that the license number used is that of the Board member that is a doctor, which in this case would be Dr. Paschen.

Dr. Paschen agreed, adding that the added measure would be beneficial to keep control over the vaccine and enforce the proper distribution.

Ms. Mullan described the memorandum of understandings with providers and the speed required in which to return them back to the state.

Ms. Halliburton clarified that the reimbursement rates are what the grant is provided to cover. Ms. Mullan affirmed, adding that they cannot charge for the vaccine at a mass clinic, but the administration fee can be charged and is what the grant reimbursement is intended for. Further discussion and clarification about the administration fees, procedures, grant funding continued.

Dr. Kluge asked if the release was requested by the manufacturer of the vaccines and if it had been required previously. Ms. Olinger and Dr. Paschen clarified that the manufacturer is not liable due to federal laws protecting them, adding that the release is affirming that the information about the vaccine was provided to the person and that they agree to be vaccinated.

Ms. Mullan reiterated that communication is very important and that the flu hotline is available as well as the website.

Ms. Mullan suggested that a press release be issued outlining the plan of distribution as well as the providers. Dr. Kluge suggested that it be emphasized that the priority groups are chosen by IDPH and the CDC.

Dr. Paschen added that if McFarland runs a clinic the information is posted on their website as well.

Ms. Halliburton emphasized the importance of providing the same accurate information through all forms of communication.

Ms. Mullan reported on the pandemic planning committee that has met recently and that they will implement the plan.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Halliburton distributed and commented on a publication from Polk County that promotes the new Heartland Senior Services transit service to the University of Iowa clinics.

Ms. Halliburton added that another special meeting will be scheduled to review job descriptions.

Ms. Mullan asked for confirmation from the Board that she may proceed as outlined.

Dr. Paschen expressed his concern that the outlined plan is not the best way to distribute the vaccine and that he has conveyed his concerns previously. Dr. Paschen summarized his view that the vaccine should be distributed by the Public Health Department.

Ms. Mullan and Ms. Olinger acknowledged Dr. Paschen's preference, adding that they are following the guidance of the CDC and IDPH and have planned according to those guidelines provided.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:05 p.m Speck / Paschen (MCU)

Approval of minutes

Title and date