



CHAC Meeting

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2205 Enterprise Dr., Suite 501, Westchester, IL

Committee Members Present: Scott Allen (IL Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics); Theresa Curran (Grand Prairie Services); Christopher Grunow (Stickney Public Health District); Lynn Guibourdanche (Advocate Lutheran General); Lena Hatchett (Loyola University Chicago); Jennifer Heibert-Beine (UIC School of Public Health); James McCalister (Village of Arlington Heights); Joy Messinger (for Yamani Hernandez - Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health); Mary Passaglia (Northwest Municipal Conference/Health Directors); Itedal Shalabi (Arab American Family Services); Evonda Thomas-Smith (Evanston Health Department); Steve Weiler (Forest Park Police Department); Apostle Carl White (Southland Ministerial Health Network).

Committee Members Present by Phone: Diane Logsdon (Logsdon Consultation Services);

Committee Members Absent: Yvette Alexander-Maxie (American Red Cross); Edwin Chandrasekar (Asian Health Coalition); Catherine Counard (Village of Skokie Health Department); Amanda Kelley (American Heart Association); Terry Mason (CCDPH); Wendell Mosby (Prairie State Community College); Maria Oquendo-Scharneck (AgeOptions).

CCDPH staff present: James Bloyd, Demian Christiansen, LaToya Dubose, Deanna Durica, Kiran Joshi, Rachel Rubin, Steven Seweryn, Valerie Webb.

I. Call to Order/Introductions – Apostle Carl White, CHAC Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 and asked for introductions of participants. A quorum of members was present.

II. Public Comment – There was no public comment provided.

III. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the October 15, 2014 CHAC meeting were reviewed. Steve Weiler moved to approve the minutes; Itedal Shalabi seconded the motion. The motion passed with Diane Logsdon abstaining.

IV. Items for Discussion

- a. Spotlight: CCDPH Ebola activities** - Dr. Kiran Joshi, Senior Medical Officer, presented on Ebola. The presentation included description, history, source, transmission and course of the virus. Dr. Joshi presented the Ebola activities conducted by the department including tracking and monitoring (active and direct active) of travelers with exposed risk for 21 days, implementing social distancing measures if necessary (quarantine and isolation) and contact tracing if an individual is positive. The department coordinates with federal, state and other regional health departments, EMS, municipalities, and hospitals concerning notification and the provision of social services when needed. CCDPH has also conducted and participated in several preparedness activities, including a mock table top exercise and hospital drills.

Discussion:

(1) Mary Passaglia described a communication problem (incorrect contact and telephone number) experienced by the village of Schaumburg regarding notification of a suspect infected traveler. LaToya Dubose, Director of Emergency Preparedness will work with Mary to correct



the communication issue. Mary also asked for clarification of transport responsibilities of a suspect traveler. Dr. Joshi described the possible scenarios and responsibility for transport (IDPH or 911 approved for transport) and explained that the policies are still being developed and assured that all partners are working toward a coordinated approach.

(2) There was an informative discussion of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) use. Dr. Rachel Rubin, Senior Medical Officer, explained the type of required equipment needed for Level 1 and 2 contact with a patient. PPE procedures and guidelines, checklists, adequate supplies and ongoing training are critical for protection of frontline staff. The larger health systems have done extensive PPE training. Lynn Guibourdanche spoke of Advocate's provider teams who train and retrain staff on a monthly basis on PPE procedures. At the conclusion of the Q&A, Deanna Durica encouraged participants to share the information from the presentations and Q&A with colleagues. She also reminded members to contact her with requests for any information and materials.

- b. Spotlight: Flu and infectious disease activities** - Dr. Demian Christiansen, Interim Director of the Communicable Disease Unit, presented on influenza, describing what it is, how it is spread, symptoms, prevention, control and the current local condition. Flu cases are not reportable to health departments but the department uses several methods of tracking and monitoring cases, hospitalizations and deaths from influenza. One method of flu surveillance is ESSENCE (Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics) that analyzes daily reports of patient chief complaints from 19 acute care hospital emergency departments (5000 reports/day and a million reports/year). This system helps to provide early warnings of abnormal health patterns/trends in our area. A thorough Influenza Report, based on ESSENCE and other collected data, is generated weekly and posted on the CCDPH website and distributed widely to providers during flu season. Dr. Christiansen described the current influenza cases as appearing earlier than usual, and presenting as more severe, than in previous years. There have been six pediatric deaths in SCC due to influenza to date with complications of influenza greater in the population >65 years of age.
- c. Council Membership:** Deanna Durica proposed the following membership issues for review by CHAC members:
- i. Approve New Members: New agency representing West suburban area - West40 Intermediate Service Center represented by Dr. Mark Klaisner; Apostle White moved to accept membership and Steve Weiler seconded. The motion passed with Diane Logsdon abstaining.
 - ii. Community member recruitment discussion – Deanna Durica recapped the outreach effort to enlist community members who would bring a community perspective over a sector perspective to the CHAC. Passive outreach to date included distribution of the Community Member Application to CHAC members, posting of information on CCDPH's website, and distribution via an e-mail blast. No applications were submitted this quarter. A discussion followed with the following suggestions generated:
 - (1) Outreach through libraries: request libraries (perhaps through network of libraries) to post application on library website. Deanna Durica will follow up.
 - (2) Request CHAC members and contacts to post a link to the application on agency websites. Deanna Durica will send out the link to members.
 - (3) Request members distribute the Community Member Application to various networks they are connected with, e.g., parent and volunteer groups.



- (4) Scott Allen offered to include the information in AAP's monthly e-mail.
- (5) Apostle White offered to post on the Southland Ministerial Alliance's website and a blast on Constant Contact.

Additionally, Deanna Durica will compile a list of current CHAC agency members and their representative sectors for review at the next meeting.

- d. Health Equity Framework:** Deanna Durica reviewed the purpose of the Health Equity Framework and updated the Council on the development of a work group and their task to develop a framework that will inform and guide the actions of the CHAC. The work group will continue their research and provide an update at the April meeting. James Bloyd, Regional Health Officer, was introduced to the Council and is offering his assistance and expertise to the work group.

V. CCDPH Updates

- a. COO Report** – Dr. Steven Seweryn reported for Dr. Terry Mason.
 - 1. Introductions - Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi, Senior Medical Officers and LaToya Dubose, Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit.
 - 2. CCDPH challenges and FY15 budget-Copies of the Department of Public Health budget were distributed to members. Dr. Seweryn identified that there appears a 22% reduction in the budget and explained that the majority of this is related to staff transition of clinic services to CCHHS Ambulatory Care. He also described increased retirements due to an older workforce as a challenge that the department will need to address in the coming year. In the last week of December there were nine staff retirements representing over 200 years of public health experience. Because it typically takes 4-6months to recruit and hire qualified staff, it is anticipated that vacancies will impact CCDPH's capacity to carry out its work.
 - 3. Clinic/ TB services transition – Dr. Rubin described a proposal to transition TB services from CCDPH to CCHHS Ambulatory Services (ACHN). Potential benefits were discussed. CHAC members agreed that communication well in advance of CCDPH service changes is critical for both community providers and the public. James McCalister reported the impact on the Arlington Heights health department's immunization clinic was great due to the transition of services from the Rolling Meadows court building. Prior notification of the closing would have allowed the Arlington Heights immunization clinic to plan for the increase in clients in the first month after CCDPH services were suspended. Apostle White described the confusion patients have regarding the hours of service at Oak Forest Health Center. He stated that accessing Oak Forest Health Center clinic services is difficult, especially after hours, because of limited public transportation and the geographic expanse of the campus. The need for better and frequent communication of services in all ACHN sites was expressed. **NOTE: While there had been a proposal to transition TB services, the changes discussed at the meeting will not be implemented. CCDPH will continue to provide TB services.**
 - 4. Heroin Symposium – A heroin symposium was held at the request of Commissioner Gorman on November 12th in response to increased attention to heroin and substance abuse in youth in suburban Cook and the collar counties. The agenda included data on



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usage and fatalities, identification of opiate use as a risk factor for later heroin use, and available treatment and educational resources.

5. WePLAN Update –A regional planning partnership has been created that includes CCDPH, Chicago Department of Public Health, Advocate Health Services, Presence Health and the Illinois Public Health Institute. The partnership is focused on making greater collective impact on population health through collaboration on local health department Community Health Assessments (CHA) and nonprofit hospital Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA). Plans include conducting a comprehensive city/county health assessment and aligning local health department and hospital efforts. Additionally, the group is exploring convening focus clusters in regional areas and diving deeper into data related to subareas. The product of this partnership could be a cooperative effort to identify health issues and priorities that are overarching for the region. A question emerged about how health assessment efforts can include data from targeted populations where data is limited or lacking. Offline discussion will follow up with this topic, and the group will continue to address strategies to include diverse groups in assessments through ongoing WePLAN discussions.

b. A presentation on violence prevention activities was tabled until the next meeting.

- c. Healthy HotSpot Initiative/PICH** – Deanna Durica updated the Council on Healthy HotSpot/PICH’s work to catalyze partners around healthy eating, active living, smoke-free environments, and clinical-community linkages. Deanna described current efforts including (1) CCDPH’s support and implementation of tobacco free environments in private units and common areas lead by the Cook County Housing Authority and (2) moving forward with the Cook County Forest Preserve and development of gateway sites supporting a more physically active public. Both of these efforts are enhanced by leveraging dollars from the grant and furthering intergovernmental work. The PICH Action plan is still waiting for approval from CDC but internal department work continues especially related to recruiting and hiring staff. The PICH coordinator position descriptions should be posted next week and will be passed on to CHAC members.

VI. New Business

- a. **Next meeting** –Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 10:00am – 12:00pm
- b. **Meeting dates for 2015** – Deanna Durica reported that meeting dates are confirmed and a schedule was shared with Council members.

VII. Adjourn –Steve Weiler moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jennifer Heibert-Beine. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm by unanimous agreement of members, save an abstention from Diane Logsdon.