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**FARGO CASS PUBLIC HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH
January 22, 2016, 12:00 NOON**

Present: Christopher E. Anderson, MD; Dinah Goldenberg, Chelsey Matter, Arland Rasmussen and Mike Thorstad

Absent: Neil Larson and Mayor Tim Mahoney

Others Present: Larry Anenson, Ruth Bachmeier, John Baird, MD; Justin Bohrer, Jan Eliassen, Desi Fleming, Grant Larson, Theresa Orecchia, Melissa Perala, and Kim Vance

Dinah Goldenberg, Chair called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Ruth welcomed new board member Christopher E. Anderson, MD. Christopher is a Emergency Room doctor at Essentia Health.

Approve Minutes: Arland Rasmussen made a motion to approve the November 20, 2015 minutes. Mike Thorstad seconded and motion carried.

Health Officer Report: Dr. Baird circulated copies of his report. Highlighted these details of interest. Training for proper donning and doffing of Personal Protective Equipment for Emergency Preparedness and also the Hoarding Task Force meetings. Continues to do other activities as listed on report.

Budget Report: Melissa discussed year end revenue and expenses reports. We ended the year with 100 percent of revenue and 95 percent of expenses.

Year End Statistics 2015: Reviewed year end statistics for 2015. Correction - Page 3 fourth quarter 2015 ytd RN visits for Health Maintenance was 7064 not 5421. Jan Eliassen circulated copies of the 2015 stats for Detox Admits, Shelter Beds and Veterans for Drop-in. Detox admission numbers have not increased and have remained the same or decreased some months. Possible factors for this include the increased frequency of onsite outreach visits from community based providers, and being more insistent that those with significant mental health issues be referred to a more appropriate level of care.

Family Planning Site Review: Larry Anenson discussed the Family Planning Site Review. Every three years the North Dakota Department of Health comes in to evaluate the clinic to ensure they are providing quality care. On January 13-14, 2016 the four person team from the North Dakota Department of Health toured the facility, observed staff with clients and reviewed financial information. Many positive were made by the site team during the exit interview including they felt clinic staff provided excellent care to clients. A final report will be sent in about a month and Larry feels should only include minor recommendations.

Family Planning Grant: Larry Anenson gave an update on the Family Planning Grant. FCPH continues to receive approximately \$175,000 a year for the grant project period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017. Family Planning staff continues to work toward the goals identified in 2014 when the Board of Health approved the grant and its submission to the NDDoH. Larry feels these goals are important for meeting the needs of clients and the community as a whole. Client satisfaction surveys are done at least once a year to let staff know how we are doing. The last survey was done during a two week period last December 2015, and the results were positive. Survey results were presented and ideas related to future surveys were discussed.

Board of Health Retreat: Dinah highlighted the Board of Health retreat from morning. Discussion on ways to try to make Board of Health meetings more engaging and interesting. Public Health Accreditation can help with bringing what is most important to meetings. Dinah thanked board members for attending the retreat.

Adjournment: Next meeting is Friday, March 18, 2016 at 12:00 noon at City Commission Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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