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**FARGO CASS PUBLIC HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH
October 21, 2016, 12:00 NOON**

Present: Chris Anderson, MD; Dinah Goldenberg, Chelsey Matter, Arland Rasmussen, and John Strand

Absent: Mike Thorstad

Others Present: Larry Anenson, John Baird, MD; Maegin Elshaug-City of Fargo Planning, Grant Larson, Kim Lipetzky, Robyn Litke Sall, Melissa Markegard, Kylie Murphy-City of Fargo Planning, Melissa Perala, Ruth Roman, and Holly Scott

Dinah Goldenberg, Chair called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Larry Anenson said the health promotion department with employee health has been working with individuals that coordinate and set up the Heart and Soul Café locally. A meal will be served at FCPH on Friday, October 28, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Heart and Soul Café's concept is to encourage individuals to come together and enjoy a meal. Much of the food served is locally sourced.

Approve minutes: Chelsey Matter made a motion to approve the September 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Arland Rasmussen seconded and motion carried.

Budget Report: Melissa said on revenue side Chronic Disease was funded for \$23,000 and there will be a small budget adjustment. Other than that we are on par.

Tobacco Tax: Holly Scott introduced herself as the tobacco coordinator. She gave the history of the Tobacco Free North Dakota organization. We have been talking about doing a price increase in tobacco tax since 2009. Holly went through a power point presentation and highlighted that tobacco is the leading cause of preventative disease in the US. Chelsey Matter asked for better talking points. Discussed higher tax on people with lower disposable income. John Strand had questions about vaping he does not support this bill. Discussed talking points, educating people, misconceptions, letters to the editor with the accurate information, and other channels we would pursue. Chris Anderson had some concerns and would want some leeway on how we support the measure. John Strand asked about supporting medical marijuana. Chelsey Matter made a motion to do a letter of support for the Tobacco Tax and Chris Anderson seconded the motion. Continued discussion on pros and cons. It was decided to focus on deterring new youth smokers. Motion carried with three yes votes and two no votes. Dinah thanked Holly on behalf of the board for her presentation. Chris suggested a link to educate people and Ruth said she would work on something.

Urban Chickens: Ruth said that this has been an ongoing topic along with additional urban agriculture issues. Kim Lipetzky, FCPH Dietician, gave a handout on the history of the Cass Clay Food Systems Initiative formation, goals, recommendation, and blueprints. The health department was tasked to look into the issue because of the confusion in the health and land development codes. Her committee and other city departments will be asking the City Commission for clarification at the November 7 meeting. She emphasized that many cities now allow backyard chickens and there are many in Fargo already. She also circulated copies of Urban Agriculture and Backyard Chicken, a Blueprint Developed by the Cass Clay Food Commission.

Opioid Update: John Strand, thanked the staff at public health for their service. Robyn Litke Sall provided updates on MAT, Syringe Exchange program, Overdose Training, Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Addiction, and support to families. Worked with Assistant State's Attorneys and City Attorney on the Syringe Exchange for some model language and hopefully updates to Century Code. Community Medical Services CMS proposed clinic locations have been vetted by the Police department. Chelsey asked how do we support medication assisted treatment. She reported that BCBS will be bringing in somebody to train providers on medication assisted treatments.

Adjournment: Next Meeting November 18, 2016, 12:00 am at City Commission Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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