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

**Present:** Chris Anderson, MD; Chelsey Matter, and Mike Thorstad

**Absent:** Dinah Goldenberg, Neil Larson, Mayor Tim Mahoney, and Arland Rasmussen

**Others Present:** Larry Anenson, John Baird, MD; Jan Eliassen, Grant Larson, Rochelle Nikolai (Student Minot State University), Melissa Perala, Ruth Roman, Virginia Taman (Student University of Mary), and Kim Vance

Mike Thorstad, Vice Chair called the meeting to order.

**Announcements:** Neil Larson resigned so will need to replace our rural representative on the board.

Twenty-five people attended a Health Care Decisions workshop on April 16 at Fargo Cass Public Health. Focus was on end of life decisions and the importance of health care directives. Dr. Baird asked for a link to be placed on our web site.

**Accreditation:** New information has been received regarding regional accreditation. In order to be regional accredited, must operate under same policies and procedures. Because of this, FCPH will move forward independently with accreditation while still assisting the smaller regional counties. Rates will be increasing on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so it is our intent to apply prior to that to take advantage of the current rates.

**Approve minutes from January 22, 2016:** Minutes were reviewed but no action taken.

**Health Officer's Report:** Dr. Baird circulated copies of report. Highlighted active TB cases, NDDoH pilot program on T-Spot testing, opiate prevention meeting, and Excel Energy report on gas plant. Asked about the delay of the mandatory immunization policy? Wanted to clear up some policies and the mechanics before final implementation. Dr. Anderson asked about ways to improve autopsy rates for traumatic deaths. Dr. Baird recommended the hospital get a face sheet of the autopsy and place in the client's medical record.

**Budget Report:** Melissa, there is a new grant coming for ND Chronic Disease but the listed amount is not correct. Our revenue to date was decreased by \$111,000 and was moved to the 2015 revenue budget for yearend patient receivables. On the expenditure side the marketing line is over budget due to the SPIF SIG grant. The grant was extended into 2016 after the budget was approved in 2015.

**Statistics:** Environmental health for the first quarter was down because of three new staff and they will be in training for a year. Swimming pool samples are lower because of new procedures of testing in the field. Discussed data collection changes, Detox decrease, clinic laboratory, correctional health, and WIC increase in enrollment. Discussions are in place to implement electronic health records at the jail, this will assist in gathering statistics. Current statistics assist in program planning and staffing.

**Opioid Crisis/Community Response:** Dr. Baird talked about opiates addiction, national issue, and hitting home locally with deaths. Had a meeting yesterday with law enforcement, ambulance, emergency room staff, states attorney, fire department, and other community members. Circulated copies of SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit and discussed heroin and fentanyl addictions. Medication assistance treatment programs are limited in town to assist those with addictions. Chris said the meeting was very effective and related that medical providers are not clear when to prescribe Narcan. The medical literature should be used for educating providers to keep people safe. Chelsey discussed patient education and how these cases are being tracked. Also talked about good Samaritan law, reimbursement, and attending communitywide presentation on opiates at West Fargo High School, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Next Meeting, May 20, 2016 at City Commission Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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