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**FARGO CASS PUBLIC HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH
AUGUST 19, 2016, 12:00 NOON**

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

Others Present: Larry Anenson, John Baird, MD; Justin Bohrer, Desi Fleming, Jan Eliassen, Grant Larson, Melissa Perala, and Ruth Roman

Dinah Goldenberg, Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made along with new board member Commissioner John Strand.

Announcements: Dinah invited everyone to an Advanced Care Planning event November 15, titled, Being Mortal - sponsored by Hospice, Sanford, Essentia and Honoring Choices ND.

Ruth said the Tobacco tax initiative did get on the November ballot and will be discussed more next month.

Approve minutes: Arland Rasmussen made a motion to approve the June 23, 2016 meeting minutes. Mike Thorstad seconded and motion carried.

Health Officer's Report: Dr. Baird circulated copies of his report and highlighted tuberculosis, immunization policies at Fargo Cass Public Health, two masters in public health students, and that Kriste Ross was the first one in the State to pass her advanced death investigation examination.

Budget Report: Ruth said revenue is 58 percent through the seven-month cycle and expenses are at 55 percent. Third party insurance payments are really positive news which means more people have health services and it covers our services. It is important for people to have medical homes especially for children.

Second Quarter Statistics: Grant, Jan, Larry, and Desi talked about their programs. Discussed referring family planning clients to Family HealthCare to sign up for health insurance, giving flyers, and phone numbers for people to sign up at home. John Strand had questions specific to outreach to the Native Americans population. Discussed access to health insurance on the exchange. Talked about outreach at NDSU, school groups, etc. Desi did highlight very rapid pace at correctional health services. WIC numbers continue to be stable.

Environmental Health Proposed License and Fee Structure: Ruth explained why we are looking at this fee structure today. Grant presented a new license and fee structure based on risk definitions established by the FDA. Board members asked questions about food allergies, suggested a different term for "risk" levels, and also asked if we could accommodate the school budgeting process. Arland Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Environmental Health License and Fee Structure. Chris Anderson seconded and motion carried.

Accreditation Update, Community Health Assessment (CHA): Justin Bohrer said our application went to the National Accreditation Board June 30. We are in the process of finishing our CHA as we are working to add Opioid Use data and information. Chelsey asked that the assessment be sent ahead of time so the board can review.

Opioid Community Mobilization: Ruth said we have been able to free up Robyn Litke-Sall half time to address this issue. Department of Human Services has brought in some very good speakers and provided information. Discussed the need for treatment assistance programs, medication assistance treatment, request for some seed money that will give some allowance to be able to address this issue. Arms Wide Open event being held at Fargo South High School, September 7th.

Adjournment: Next Meeting September 16, 2016, 12:00 am at City Commission Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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