

Rural Health & Primary Care Advisory Committee
Legislative Dining Room
January 31, 2013 • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
(No Quorum Present)

M i n u t e s

Members Present

Julie McMahon
 Deborah Hinnah
 Laine Dvorak
 Angela Halfwassen
 Ron Schafer
 Maureen Reeves Horsley
 Mary Spracklin
 Kathy Nicholls

Others Present

Katie Jerkins
 George Zarakpege
 Bob Russell, D.D.S.
 Doreen Chamberlain
 Heather Adams

Rural Health and Primary Care Advisory Committee website:
http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/rural_health_primary_care.asp

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| Minutes Recorded by: Bureau Secretary, Bureau of Oral & Health Delivery Systems | |
| Call to order | Kathy Nicholls, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38 am |
| Introductions | Members and guest introduced themselves. |
| Minutes | Previous meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum. |
| Roles and responsibility of the committees <i>Heather Adams – Iowa State Associations</i> | Heather Adams provided legal refreshers by reviewing code (641-110.4(135) and Statue (135.107). She indicated that the advisory committee was vested with the responsibility of developing policies and making recommendations while the department (IDPH) advocates for them across the street. To execute this function, the committee would need information from Public health and advice or make recommendations. She indicated that the department could be advised but not directed. |
| Sub-committees | Laine Dvorak was presented with a certificate from the Governor’s office for his dedication and service. Question about term limit was raised and Heather responded that members who had exceeded their term could not continue, however, chair can appoint subcommittee and Laine or any person from the general public could serve on subcommittees. Term limit is considered to be 2 years and not more than 3 terms. Purpose of committees is to provide advice and make recommendations to IDPH as referenced by codes: 641-110.4(135), 110.4(1), 110.4(2), and 110.4(3). Committee sees this as we are to make recommendations to assembly. |
| Quorum | Heather clarified quorum to include vacant position. Quorum was considered 21(12) if all positions are full, but if about 4 are vacant then 17(9) would be considered a quorum. Heather further clarifies quorum to include vacant position. 12 members together equals a meeting, this should be noticed under open law. Open law: public has right to be present at meetings but not to speak. It allows to go into closed session but does not fit this group Open Record Law. Board records such as emails or minutes are open to public examination. These two laws could be enforced by the citizens. |
| Legislative Changes – | The Rural Health Resource Center is no longer at ISU due to funding, therefore position needs to be removed |

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| <p><i>Work with Deborah and Julie</i></p> <p>Legislative Breakfast</p> | <p>Lower Committee membership – not have 21 Expand the scope – as with MCH Review Resources – determine if IDPH can pay for handouts Would having a breakfast in 2013 create any issues or barriers for the future? Hopefully code changes</p> <p>Heather asked the committee if the legislative breakfast was being used within the scope of what it was intended for. She cited the Board of Health and Maternal and Child Health Advisory Committees as those having extended duties and could advocate, however, the RHPCAC does not have such roles. Maureen Reeves responded by saying the legislative breakfast was being used as an opportunity to educate our legislatures about some programs. Maureen questioned whether a clause within code 76.1(3), that says, “In addition, the council advises the director regarding health and nutrition services for women and children, supports the development of special projects and conferences and advocates for health and nutrition services for women and children” would not be seen as confrontational instead of serving for educational purposes, as the law does not reflect to who will give recommendations if the committee does not since a relationship has already been established with the legislatures. Heather wants the committee to ensure that it was consistent with what the laws are for them. She emphasized that she never suggested that the committee cannot have a breakfast but wants to ensure that it was consistent within the scopes of the advisory committee. The legislative breakfast have no appropriations, IHA, ICASH do food but IDPH does packets with no funds. Educational materials would have to be very clear to educate and not to influence a vote. Deborah Hinnah indicated that perception is important; however, Heather made it clear that should the committee be sued, her office will do everything it takes to cover it provided it was working within the scope of its roles. If committee member was across the street and a complaint was filed it would be reviewed if they were in scope of the committee. It was suggested that a joint letter between the committee and public health be sent for advocacy purposes.</p> |
| <p>Laws Gift Laws – 68B Lobbying</p> | <p>Laws – 68B gift law and lobbying was clarified, this include gift law which states that public official cannot accept gifts from restricted donors All lobbyists need to register as such if giving information on a law. She also indicated that some boards do not need to be lobbyists as they have duties to advise legislators.</p> |
| <p>Next Step</p> <p>Subcommittees</p> | <p>What is the committee mission and vision Make recommendations to IDPH for 2014 session Develop changes to statute Minutes approved Meeting logistics: date, time, and length of meetings(governors website states 4 hours)</p> <p>Focus where to go from here Purpose and beyond technical committee</p> |
| <p>Committee Member and IDPH Update <i>Dr. Bob Russell</i></p> | <p>Dr. Russell provided Rural Health and I-smile updates. The information was provided in a report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough state funding to match the \$150,000 federal funding. Remainder of funds came from Wellmark. • The State office of Rural health grant has been put on hold based on federal decision. • Doreen Chamberlin explained funding of SORH, FLEX, SHIP, PCO • J1 spots update -27 fill 3 reserved for director to fill |
| <p>Plan Next Meeting Agenda</p> | <p>Send out a meeting wizard to know the next meeting date.</p> |
| <p>Adjournment</p> | <p>There was no motion for adjournment since this was not considered an official meeting.</p> |