



Rochester Epidemiology Project Community Advisory Board Meeting Notes April 29, 2015

In attendance - Board Members: Helena Abrom, Alice Bruck, Marie Cano, Carissa Eppens, Jo Erickson, Mary Lamprecht, John Mahanna, Joan Rose, Dee Servick, Charles Shaner, Harold Stewart, Dennis Uthke, Gaylan Willert, and Andy Yue. (14 attendees)

In attendance – REP Team: Lori Klein, Walter Rocca, Jennifer St. Sauver, and guest: Joy Balls-Berry

Pete Giesen, Director of Public Health for Olmsted County Public Health Services, was the guest speaker. Pete provided an overview of the Community Health Needs Assessment for Olmsted County including the top five community health priorities: mental health, obesity, financial stress/homelessness, diabetes, and vaccine preventable diseases. The next step in the process is to implement a community health improvement plan that will address the priorities over the next three to five years.

Lori reported that Chris Burdick made the difficult decision to step down from the CAB co-chair role as well as CAB membership immediately due to competing demands in his work and family life. In addition, Dr. Barbara Yawn will be retiring in December 2015. Therefore, a discussion took place to determine how to address the co-chair roles in the future. After much discussion, the group determined that in the future, leadership will be provided by two community co-chairs and a REP team member. Board members may nominate themselves via an email message or phone call to Lori by June 15, 2015. All nominees will be asked to write a short paragraph outlining why they want to be the CAB co-chair and why they are the right person to co-lead the board. Each nominee will present the written statement during the September 10, 2015 meeting.

Walter provided an update on the status of the grant application reviewed in February 2015. The REP renewal application was scored at the 16th percentile, which is a good score, but unfortunately the pay line is at the 7th percentile, therefore the grant was not funded. The REP team will continue to submit applications for funding; the next application will be submitted in June 2015.

The Facebook work team noted that there has been a rise in the number of likes since the last meeting and noted that access for administrators is still a struggle (Lori will coordinate with Scott Brue – REP IT to resolve). It was also mentioned that it would be helpful to have assistance in coordinating the teams between meetings. Lori will set-up meetings with each of the work teams prior to the September meeting. Also, in the future, the work teams will use the 5:30-6:00 pm dinner portion of the meeting to touch-base on their activities.

Lori provided an update on the 50 year anniversary celebration plans including the decision to delay celebration activities until late 2015 since the 50 years are 1966-2016. The newspaper

article that was scheduled to be sent to CAB members for submission to local papers in March 2015 will instead be ready for release by September 2015. A special logo created to commemorate the anniversary was shared with the group and received abundant approval.

The CAB's participation in community events for 2015 was discussed and the group agreed that if there are enough volunteers to staff the booths at the Good Life Expo (Tuesday, October 13 from 10am to 7pm) and Rochester Women's Fall Expo (Saturday, October 24 from 9am to 4pm), then these will be the events for 2015. Lori will route a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks to gauge interest and feasibility prior to paying the applicable fees.

Meeting wrap up: The group agreed on a recurring meeting schedule – future meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of September, January and May. When possible, meetings will continue to be held in the auditorium room of the Rochester Public Library.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Rochester Public Library