



Health Services Advisory
Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 5, 2006

Attendees: Joan Foss, Chairperson
Amy Barnes, Arlene Bettencourt, Mary Lou Campbell, Amy Frasu, Howard Freedman,
Kimberlea Gerbasio, Pat Gulley, Mary Margaret Koontz, Tammy Moser, Dawn Raymond,
Denise Williams

Guest: Dr. Robert South, Director of Epidemiology, Lee County Health Department

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM at the All Children's Specialty Clinic in Ft Myers 	
Review of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes of 4-7-06 were reviewed and discussed • Arlene Bettencourt moved and Denise Williams seconded to approve the meeting minutes; all in favor. 	
Presentation: The Bird Flu Pandemic – Review and Update by Dr. Robert South, Director of Epidemiology, Lee County Health Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bob South gave an informative presentation to the group regarding the current and possible impact of the Bird Flu; Information included discussion concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of the media; inflammatory or informative • Current cases/deaths: 208/113 since 2003 • Deaths have only happened after direct contact with infected birds • Bird flu will probably enter US in fall or spring with migration of wild birds • No cases of human to human transmission • H5N1 causing concern since it has moved from birds to animals to humans • Most critical – personal and organizational planning • Identify agency critical roles and plan for 30-40% of staff to be absent (ill or caring for children when schools close) • Definition of pandemic – everywhere at once; counties stand alone; families need to plan for self sustenance • Vaccine development currently takes 6 months from when human-to-human strain of flu identified; working on new plans to produce vaccine in 3 months • Good webpage for information: www.pandemicflu.gov • Different from hurricane effects; infrastructure remains, however limited by personnel/illness • Hope that with our system of health care in US we will see a decreased mortality rate (current 50%) 	<p>Please make note of the phone number for Michael Barnaby – Public Information Officer for the Lee County Health Department 332-9580</p> <p>Call this number if you have concerns or hear rumors.</p> <p>In addition, you can refer to our 211 information hotline.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each person who becomes ill will generate 2 new cases • Prescription: isolate &/or quarantine in homes • Hospitals, EMT's, Police, Fire services all will be disrupted in dealing with increased number of ill and fewer hands on deck to deliver services • Planning ongoing by Dr. Hartner and Dr. South as they meet with organizations throughout the county • New All Hazards Guide has pandemic flu preparation list inside; we need to be encouraging families and organizations to begin to acquire supplies • If purchasing a mask – N-95 is recommended • What to do if you hear a rumor: Call Mike Barnaby, Lee County Health Department Public Information Officer at 239-332-9580 	
Health and Safety Amendment and Proposed Rule - Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley updated the group on the status of this project and distributed the latest county-by-county summary page of current health and safety monitoring • The subcommittee has drafted a new school readiness provider agreement which will be taken to the ELC-SWFL Board for approval at the meeting this month • The monitoring document was finalized • Shirley reported on the presentation on this topic that was done at the Circles of Care conference • Shirley noted that at least 4 meetings are being set up to share this new information with the school readiness providers • As soon as the information is completed, Shirley will send out to the entire committee 	Shirley will distribute the new policies, forms and agreement as they are completed
Planning and Budget Items for FY 05-06 and 06-07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley discussed the health and safety purchases that were made recently on behalf of the school readiness and VPK providers • Additional support \$ will be spent on hearing and vision screening equipment and equipment for the nurses who will be contracted through each county health department in the upcoming fiscal year • Shirley and Joan updated the group on the meetings held with each of the county health departments regarding the proposed new contracts for provision of health services – nursing and screening services; Committee wholeheartedly supported the efforts • Contracts will provide health department based services for each of our counties; Nurse and Screener in Lee; Nurse and PT Screener in Collier; PT Nurse in Glades/Hendry 	<p>Any committee member with a project or plan that impacts the health and safety of children and families in our community, please contact Shirley. The ELC-SWFL wants to partner with and support these efforts</p> <p>Joan/Shirley will discuss the contracts at the Quality Committee Meeting and ELC-SWFL Board Meeting</p>
Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for FY 06-07 will be discussed at the next meeting and continued in August with the addition of the local Child Care Health Consultants 	Pending Board approval, orientation will be in August 06
Next Meeting/Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be held on Friday, June 16th at 9 AM at All Children's Specialty Clinic • Meeting schedule for July and August to be discussed at that time • Focus of June meeting: Review and approval of Health and Safety rule change documents 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 AM 	