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MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2015

Stephen Mandia, MD, Chair

Call to Order

Dr. Stephen Mandia, Chair, called a meeting of the DCMS Public Health Committee to order on December 7, 2015, at 6:00 pm, at the Duval County Medical Society, 1301 Riverplace Blvd, Suite #1638, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Stephen Mandia, MD, Chair; Kelli Wells, Vice Chair; Iris Eisenberg, MD; Robert Harmon, MD; Joseph McQuade, MD; Donald Morford, MD; Joseph Sabato, MD. Committee Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Saad Zaheer, MD, Director, Epidemiology, DOH Duval County.

DCMS Staff Present: Patti Ruscito, Dir. of Ops.

Minutes

MOTION 01-12-15

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE DCMS PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2015, AS SUBMITTED.

Seafood Nutrition Partnership Request*

Dr. Mandia stated that the DCMS received an email from Megan Dodd, Account Executive, Tucker/Hall, Strategic Communications, Public Affairs & Crisis Management, regarding a public health initiative they would like the DCMS to support. They are starting a local chapter of the Seafood Nutrition Partnership in Jacksonville and would like the DCMS to become one its coalition members. Ms. Dodd noted in her email that there is no major commitment to joining the coalition, they are just asking organizations to lend their names in support of the issue, and many physician groups were already onboard. The Committee agreed with their promotion of making diets healthier by adding more seafood, and agreed to support a recommendation to the Board.

MOTION 02-12-15

MOTION PASSED THAT THE DCMS LEND ITS NAME IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE SEAFOOD NUTRITION PARTNERSHIP'S EFFORTS, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER COMMITMENT OR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

Stroke Consensus Conference Update

Dr. Mandia stated that the Stroke Consensus Conference was canceled due to the EMS community not wanting to be involved. He noted that the DCMS has decided that its first Future of Health for Northeast Florida Symposium, to be held in 2016, will be a program on Stroke.

CPR Update

Dr. Sabato presented a DCMS Public Health Committee Take Heart Report, which is a countywide effort to improve cardiac arrest survival and care. He noted that they are working with the Health Department to update cardiac arrest data by zone, and the First Coast Advisory Council endorsed establishing a Task Force to evaluate improving bystander CPR by region. Dr. Sabato stated that they are developing protocol for performing CPR on patients with infectious diseases, and are also working with the schools on the Train the Trainer Program. It was suggested that it would be good for the DCMS to have representation on the Task Force.

**DOH in Duval County
Epidemiology Report**

Dr. Zaheer stated that there have been some new outbreaks of Ebola in Liberia since it was declared disease free. He also noted MRSA had appeared in some hospitals, but the risk was low. Dr. Zaheer stated that Influenza H3N2 and B have been mild in Florida this year, and those strains were included in the vaccine. Dr. Wells stated that Jacksonville will not exceed the number of TB patients seen in the past few years as they have developed best practice in formalizing shelter cards.

**Healthy Jax Report –
Mayor’s Initiatives**

The Committee noted that the city is planning initiatives for pedestrian safety, but would like to know what plans the Mayor’s office has planned for bicycle safety.

Other Business

Dr. Bob Harmon stated that he serves as the DCMS representative on the Healthy Start Board, and noted that they have found long-acting, reversible contraception has been very successful. The Committee suggested Dr. Harmon and the Public Health Committee write a joint article with the Healthy Start Committee, and put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Dr. Wells stated that they would like to develop a broader view. She noted that right now, each group is working on a piece of it and they need to align in order to have a multifaceted strategy to help reduce disparity. She noted that they need to consider necessary alignments that need to occur. Dr. Harmon stated that there should be strong physician support for this and the DCMS should not hesitate to support it.

Next Meeting

Dr. Mandia stated that the meetings in 2016 will occur in March, October and November or December and meeting notices will be sent prior to the meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.