Board of Health for Madison and Dane County Pandemic Planning

Resolution #2010-12

The H1N1 pandemic has passed. Dane County health care systems have performed their own assessments of the impact of H1N1 on their own systems, but there has not been an assessment of how the systems responded collectively.

PHMDC is proposing to conduct interviews with the leadership of each health system and then convene a meeting to collectively review the experience and plan for future pandemics. The objectives would to be:

- establish general expectations for services to clients and non clients
- establish processes for working together across systems during a pandemic
- come to agreement on how individual and collective decisions should be made during a pandemic.

PHMDC would like to hire an outside consultant to conduct the interviews and facilitate the meeting of all systems. The consultant will be perceived as a neutral party. At the end of the process, the consultant would submit a report summarizing the agreements and identifying remaining work to be done.

PHMDC will develop a request for quotes (RFQ) to select the consultant. The final report will be complete by the end of 2010. Emergency preparedness funds will be used to underwrite this work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County is authorized to select and enter into an agreement with a consultant for the purpose of reviewing the collective experience of how different health systems responded to the H1N1 pandemic and to facilitate a process to establish agreements with all systems on how decisions are made during a pandemic and the Director is authorized to sign this agreement.

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