

**SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**February 4, 2016**

**Present:** John Pajtas, Patricia Cords, Jim Capitan, Gene Paez, Commissioner Les Schneider,  
Commissioner Gary Holzhausen

**Absent:**

**Staff:** Larry Johnson, Jodi DeFrenn, Nicole Greenway, Tonie Brovont

**Teleconference:** Mary Buginsky

**Public:**

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Gene Paez at 4:00 p.m.

**II. Additions to the agenda**

Motion made by John Pajtas to accept agenda as written, supported by Jim Capitan. Motion carried.

**III. Approval of minutes of past meeting**

Motion made by Com. Schneider, supported by Jim Capitan to approve the January 7, 2016 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**IV. Report of Chairman**

MALPH Report:

Upcoming projects for the MALPH board include:

- Statewide Sanitary Code
- Legislation on immunization waivers
- Cross jurisdictional sharing of funding projects

Mark Miller, State of Michigan Director of Local Health Services, will be retiring at the end of this month. Orlando Todd will be in acting capacity until position is filled.

**V. Finance Committee**

**1. Approve Bills:**

Motion made by John Pajtas to approve bills from January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the amount of \$9,573.57 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same, supported by Com. Schneider. Motion carried. All yeas.

Motion made by John Pajtas to approve bills from February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the amount of \$23,935.89 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same, supported by Jim Capitan. Motion carried. All yeas.

## **VI. Director's Report**

### **Financial Statements**

Budget is in good shape.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Attended the Annual District 1 Regional Medical Response Coalition (D1RMRC) Symposium. Key speakers were brought in from around the United States, a few topics included:

- DaVita Dialysis:
  - Emergency water supply presentation.
- Lessons Learned from Israel:
  - How to Effectively Mitigate and Respond to Suicide Attacks be it by Active Shooter, Knife or Vehicle as a Weapon.

This morning we held our initial planning meeting for our Closed Point of Dispensing Tabletop Exercise. Meeting went better than expected and was well attended. There is great interest on how we can collaborate more to better serve our community when planning for mass dispensing or mass vaccination. If interested in attending, the exercise will be held at Memorial Healthcare on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

### **Zika virus**

- Potential link to Microcephaly
- Travel warnings have been issued.
- World Health Organization declared a global emergency.
- Florida governor declared a health emergency in four counties.

Discussion occurred on mosquito abatement and the challenges of financial sustainability.

### **Personal Health**

Free pregnancy testing will start March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are in the process of hiring two new nurses for the MIHP program.

Nicole visited the Durand School Wellness Center today to gain a better understanding of the programs they currently provide to their students.

WIC has standard protocol that recommends blood lead testing for children at 1 and 2 ½ years of age. The Flint water issues prompted us to review our 2015 data:

- 549 children tested
- 4 children had lead levels above 10
  - Follow-up and referral was made.

## **Environmental Health**

In light of the Flint water crisis the health department has been proactive in:

- Assuring our residents that:
  - Our water supply does not come from Flint.
  - Water supply in Shiawassee County comes primarily from ground water wells.
- Encouraging residents to:
  - Test their water supply
  - Health Department provides testing kits and directions
  - Health Department can provide sampling for a nominal fee
- Forthcoming with information to the public:
  - Postings on social media
  - Press releases
  - Answering questions

The City of Owosso's last water results showed an increase in lead that was higher than previous results but still within the federal guidelines. Larry immediately contacted the City of Owosso for more information. The increase was due to an outlier at a single residence that refused retesting. Protocol from the federal government leaves the homeowners responsible for taking these water samples which can increase sampling errors.

Applied for River Clean-up funding in partnership with the Friends of the Shiawassee River, if awarded this will be the ninth straight year.

Overall demand for Environmental services are up for the month of January. If numbers continue this track there may be a need to hire a temporary full-time summer sanitarian.

## **Administration**

Staff continues to work towards accreditation that will take place in mid-May.

Larry and other county employees are working on a County Personnel Policy and Procedure Document for non-represented county employees.

Larry and Nicole are taking part in a Community Health Needs Assessment in partnership with Memorial Healthcare, initial meeting will take place next week.

## **Contracts**

None.

## **Equipment**

Motion made by Jim Capitan, supported by Com. Les Schneider to purchase Laptop for Environmental Health Food Program, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried. All yeas.

## **Vacant Position**

Motion made by John Pajtas to authorize the Health Department to hire a Public Health Nurse II to refill a vacancy and forward to the Board of Commissioners for approval, supported by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. All yeas.

## **Travel**

Motion made by Jim Capitan, to approve sending 2 employees to the annual Michigan Environmental Health Association Conference in Bay City, for 2 nights per county policy, supported Com. Les Schneider. Motion carried. All yeas.

## **VII. Members Comments**

## **VIII. Other Business**

## **IX. Public Comment**

None.

## **X. Adjourn - Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Recorded by:     J.D.     Date:     2-4-16