

**SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**February 6, 2014**

**Present:** Patricia Cords, Robert McLaren, Gene Paez, John Pajtas and John Horvath

**Absent:** Mary Buginsky and Jim Capitan

**Staff:** Courtney Herrick, Larry Johnson, George Pichette, Shelbie Perrin and Jodi DeFrenn

**Teleconference:**

**Public:**

**I. Call to order**

Gene Paez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. Additions to the agenda**

John Pajtas made a motion to approve the agenda, second by John Horvath. Motion carried.

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

John Pajtas made a motion to approve the December 19, 2013 minutes, second by Patricia Cords. Motion carried.

**IV. Report of Chairman**

Gene discussed Governor Snyder's State of the State address. Governor Snyder talked about the need to invest in infrastructure, proposed tax law changes, etc. Public health was lacking from the speech.

**V. Finance Committee**

**1. Approve Bills:**

John Pajtas made a motion to approve the bills from January 15<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$23,327.89 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. John Horvath supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

John Pajtas made a motion to approve the bills from February 6<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$16,147.94 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. Robert McLaren supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

**2. Write off Accounts Receivable:**

John Pajtas made a motion to write off December accounts receivable in the amount of \$180. Patricia Cords supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

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

### **Financial Statements**

Budget is on course. George explained the SCHD fiscal year.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Jodi discussed the ice storm and recent state of emergency in the county. She recognized the partnerships that SCHD has with other agencies. George commended her on an exemplary performance during the crisis.

### **Environmental Health**

Larry mentioned that January was Radon awareness month. Radon kits were provided to the public free of charge. Normal cost is \$5/kit. 30% of the homes tested in the City of Owosso have radon levels above the federal recommended radon action level. In Corunna, 20% of the homes tested are above the federal recommended action level.

SCHD is partnering with the Conservation District on an E. coli Seminar in Durand on February 13. Courtney is presenting on the health effects of E. coli and Casey Elliott is presenting on what programs/activities SCHD is undertaking to address E. coli problems in the environment.

A new sanitarian is starting on February 18. His name is Brad Zulewski and he is a Registered Sanitarian with 15 years of experience. He comes to us from the State of Washington and will be primarily working in the food program.

The Type 2 Public Water Supply Program had a recent audit by the DEQ and scored very well.

### **Personal Health**

Flu activity seems to have peaked. We have 40 doses of vaccine left. We have given 650 doses. Statewide, there have been 345 hospitalizations and 1 pediatric death in Michigan.

Courtney mentioned a recent news article about nurse Kay Hite who works with the Durand Schools on a grant. It was a nice write-up and gave positive coverage to SCHD. SCHD has one of only 8 school wellness programs in the State of Michigan.

PH staff have received training on signing individuals up for Medicaid under the new Affordable Care Act requirements.

### **Administration**

George discussed smoking and its progression throughout the years from once being very popular with 50% of adults smoking, to becoming a known carcinogenic activity with less than 20% of the adult population smoking.

George will be doing a presentation at Baker College about Public Health.

## **Contracts**

Request approval to sign a contract with RESD for the purpose of providing social work services to the Durand Public Schools in connection with the school nurse program in the amount of \$12,008 for the period of 1/20/14 to 8/31/14 and authorize George Pichette, Health Director, to sign the same. Motion by Patricia Cords to forward contract to Board of Commissioners, second by John Horvath. Motion carried. All yeas.

Request approval of the agreement between the Shiawassee County Health Department and MICHILD Health Plan for the purpose of assuring coordination of services between the Health Plan and the Health Department's children special health care services program and authorize George Pichette, Health Director, to sign the same. Motion by John Pajtas to forward contract to Board of Commissioners, second by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. All yeas.

## **Equipment**

## **Vacant Position**

## **Travel**

Two or three (depending on grant money) EH employees to Big Rapids in March for three nights for annual Michigan Environmental Health Association Conference. Motion to approve by John Pajtas. Second by Robert McLaren. Motion carried. All yeas.

## **VII. Members Comments**

MALPH discussed the Governor's budget and how it relates to Public Health. Schools are now required to have 2 epi-pens on hand in case of an allergic reaction. This has created some training requirement problems and the pens are expensive and expire every year. More and more parents are signing the immunization waiver for their children. This is a disturbing trend and Michigan's waiver rate is higher than the national average.

## **VIII. Other Business**

## **IX. Public Comment**

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. John Pajtas made a motion to adjourn, second by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Johnson

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