

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 6, 2014

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

Absent:

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

Teleconference: Mary Buginsky

Public:

I. Call to order

Gene Paez called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. Additions to the agenda

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

III. Approval of minutes of past meeting

John Pajtas made a motion to approve the February 6, 2014 minutes with corrections, second by Robert McLaren. Motion carried.

IV. Report of Chairman

No report.

V. Finance Committee

1. Approve Bills:

Robert McLaren made a motion to approve the bills from February 13th in the amount of \$7,803.74 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. John Pajtas supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

Robert McLaren made a motion to approve the bills from March 6th in the amount of \$13,714.25 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

2. Write off Accounts Receivable:

Robert McLaren made a motion to write off January accounts receivable in the amount of \$232. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

VI. Director's Report

Financial Statements

Budget is on course.

Emergency Preparedness

Jodi discussed the community outreach luncheon regarding sharing services and communication during emergencies. Building community resilience was discussed and it was well attended. SCHD EP Strategic National Stockpile Plan received a score of 96 out of a possible 100. This is an excellent score.

Environmental Health

Larry discussed radon and granite countertops. The EPA has a document on their website regarding this issue. Radon is emitted in very small amounts from some granite countertop. It is emitted at or below normal background levels (outdoor air) and is not considered a public health concern.

There have been reports from around the county of a water treatment company soliciting business through door to door sales telling people that their water needs to be tested and may be unsafe. This is not substantiated. We recommend citizens contact the Health Dept. for information regarding water quality.

Larry discussed the situation with some mobile home parks and how it has become a statewide problem. Moon Lake Mobile Home Park in Woodhull Township is scheduled to be back in court on April 7. They have not complied with DEQ and LARA requirements. Ingham County recently condemned a mobile home park under the Public Health Code. This is a precedent setting action. It is difficult to relocate displaced people. Discussion ensued.

Personal Health

Flu activity seems to have leveled off. We are still getting some reports of H1N1 strain affecting 18-64 years olds. We have 30 doses of vaccine left.

Courtney mentioned the partnership with Kiwanis and their donation of children's books for our child immunization clients. 10,000 books have been donated over a 17 year period. There was an article in the Argus and Independent about this. George shared the articles with the board.

Courtney discussed the 0-5 initiative with RESD and other local groups. There is a Great Start Initiative that is encouraging people to make referrals to the centralized intake system at Great Start for services. One number is used for the call. Courtney provided brochures to the board. George met with the Shiawassee Medical Society this past week and went over the Kids Count information. Shiawassee County has a higher rate of child abuse than the state average. This relates to the initiative to encourage referral to Great Start for services.

Administration

George discussed recent audits of Health Dept. programs. Both county and state auditors were at the Health Dept. this past week. The audits generally went well. There were some minor findings with our WIC audit about allocation of indirect costs.

Contracts

Request approval for amendment to the Comprehensive Planning & Budgeting Contract (CPBC) agreement between Shiawassee County and the State of Michigan for the period 10/1/2013 through 9/30/2014 changing the contract amount from \$832,786 to \$837,713 (an increase of \$4,927 in the Emergency Preparedness Program). Motion by John Pajtas to forward contract to Board of Commissioners, second by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. All yeas.

Equipment

Laptop computer replacement for Emergency Preparedness not to exceed \$1,000. Funds will be used from EP equipment line item. Motion by Jim Capitan to approve purchase. Second by Robert McLaren. Motion carried. All yeas.

Vacant Position

Travel

Two EH employees to Bay City in April for one night for environmental training on public wells (Type 2 Water Supplies). Motion to approve by Jim Capitan. Second by Robert McLaren. Motion carried. All yeas.

Two employees to Grand Rapids for two nights for Homeland Security Conference in May. Motion to approve by Jim Capitan. Second by John Pajtas. Motion carried. All yeas.

One employee to Sault Ste. Marie for three nights for Rural Readiness Symposium in May. Motion by John Horvath. Second by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. All yeas.

VII. Members Comments

John Horvath mentioned the HOPE Project on 3/27/14 from 8 am – noon at the Baker College Welcome Center. This project will be addressing poverty. SCHD will be in attendance.

Gene discussed the MALPH meeting. The legislature is focused on working out the budget for next fiscal year. There is a \$900 million surplus. There are lots of groups trying to get some of the surplus. Transportation and school funding are big issues. The legislature is also looking at reforming Michigan's auto insurance. Revenue sharing restoration was discussed. The state has defaulted on this for years. It has put a severe strain on county budgets.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjourn - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. John Horvath made a motion to adjourn, second by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Johnson

3/10/14