

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 18, 2013

Present: Mary Buginsky, Patricia Cords, Jeff Bartz, Gene Paez, Jim Capitan, John Pajtas and John Horvath

Teleconference:

Public:

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

I. Call to order

Mary Buginsky called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Additions to the agenda

Gene Paez made a motion to approve the agenda as written, supported by Jim Capitan. Motion carried.

III. Approval of minutes of past meeting

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve the March 21, 2013 minutes, supported by Gene Paez. Motion carried.

IV. Report of Chairman

Mary Buginsky discussed the Affordable Care Act and the many challenges that are related to the new health care law. She mentioned that Democratic Senator Max Baucus (Montana) has gone on record as saying that there are big issues that need to be resolved. The law could negatively affect small business owners with some paying the fine or even closing their doors.

V. Finance Committee

1. Approve Bills:

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve the bills from April 11th in the amount of \$6,476.40 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve the bills from April 18th in the amount of \$5,643.07 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

2. Write off Accounts Receivable:

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve write off of accounts receivable in the amount of \$521. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

VI. Director's Report

Financial Statements

Budget is in good shape.

Emergency Preparedness

SCHD staff will take part in a "table top" exercise in preparation for the large scale emergency exercise to be held in June. There is a bird flu outbreak in China. So far it has not been known to pass from human to human. Symptoms have been mild to moderate. CDC is watching this closely.

Environmental Health

There have been 3 sanitary sewer overflows in the last week. Two were in Owosso and one in Durand. This is a release of partially treated sanitary sewage into the Shiawassee River. This is common during wet springs and excessive snow melts. Flooding is occurring throughout the county. Our role is to send out press releases and share information through our website and facebook page. We recommend that people stay out of the river until further notice. We will sample the river for Curwood festivities.

We are working with the Conservation District on a grant project that is addressing sewage contamination issues in the greater Durand/Vernon Twp. area.

Henderson house with condemned septic and suspected drug paraphernalia has been sold for \$10 to a Henderson Village resident. We will be following up with new buyer to get the septic system into compliance.

Cottage Food Seminar will be held on April 18 from 6-8 pm at Chamber of Commerce in Owosso. Partnership between SCHD and Chamber.

Personal Health

Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) has been reviewed by State of Michigan and approved for full certification for another 18 months.

April is the Month of the Young Child and we partner with Great Start on initiatives. A DVD was produced and we are playing it continuously in our waiting room. It gives parenting advice and promotes positive activities for children.

We are partnering with Catholic Charities and RESD on a substance abuse program for women. We are referring MIHP moms who are struggling with substance abuse to this program.

Administration

We are still preparing for Accreditation which will be held in May.

George mentioned Memorial Hospital's Health - Strategic Plan. The three main issues are obesity, dental care and mental health.

George mentioned that union negotiations are ongoing with the Clerical Employees Unit and we are now in mediation.

County Health Rankings list Shiawassee County as 41st out of 82 counties (Keweenaw County is not included) in the State of Michigan. George was interviewed for an Argus Press article and discussed obesity.

Contracts

1. Amendment #4 to the CPBC Agreement between Shiawassee County and the State of Michigan for the period 10/1/2012 through 9/30/2013 changing budget items within and between several programs without changing the total contract amount of \$847,590. Motion by John Pajtas to forward contract to Board of Commissioners, second by Gene Paez. Motion carried. All yeas.

Equipment

Vacant Position

Travel

1 nurse for 2 nights to Traverse City for the BCCCP conference in May. Motion to approve by Jim Capitan, support by Gene Paez. Motion carried. All yeas.

1 employee to Washington D.C. for 4 nights for the National Environmental Health Association Conference in July. All costs associated with travel to this conference will be covered by scholarship. Motion to approve by Patricia Cords, support by Jeff Bartz. Motion carried. All yeas.

VII. Members Comments

Per Gene, there was no MALPH meeting this month.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjourn - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Johnson

4/25/13