SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 1, 2014

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

Absent: John Pajtas

Staff: Courtney Herrick, Larry Johnson and George Pichette

Teleconference:

Public:

I. Call to order

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

II. Additions to the agenda

Mary Buginsky made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jim Capitan. Motion carried.

III. Approval of minutes of past meeting

Mary Buginsky made a motion to approve the April 3, 2014 minutes, second by Jim Capitan. Motion carried.

IV. Report of Chairman

Gene mentioned that the county health rankings were recently released. Legislature is working on budgets.

V. Finance Committee

1. Approve Bills:

Robert McLaren made a motion to approve the bills from April 17th in the amount of $11,702.83 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

Robert McLaren made a motion to approve the bills from May 1st in the amount of $7,044.53 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. Mary Buginsky supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

2. Write off Accounts Receivable:

No write offs this month.

VI. Director's Report

Financial Statements

Budget is in very good shape. Revenues and expenses are under budget.

Emergency Preparedness

No report.

Environmental Health

Larry briefed the board about a recent small plane crash in the county and discussed Health Department response activities. EH responds to numerous environmental incidents such as plane crashes, train derailments and chemical spills. The focus is on protecting drinking water and surface water from contamination. MDEQ is notified so that they can respond.

Recent radon talk at Baker College was well attended. We partnered with Rep. Ben Glardon's office and the DEQ. The Shiawassee Association of Realtors sponsored the event.

Our new Sanitarian, Brad Zulewski is currently out on his own doing food service inspections.

Personal Health

Courtney discussed immunization rates in the county. The 0-3 population has had an increase in the vaccination rate to 86%. The adolescent vaccination rate is declining. The State of Michigan is pushing for higher vaccine rates and is doing press releases. We are also pushing to increase these rates and may reach out to the schools. We have seen an uptick in measles cases. We are starting to see an increase in vaccine preventable illnesses. Only 9% of adolescents get a flu shot.

Courtney discussed the school wellness program. The state has increased our funding to provide a full-time social worker in the Durand schools. We contract with RESD to provide this service.

Courtney is working with Don Trapp on the Shiawassee Great Start Initiative to provide health services and referrals to the alternative education school students. Care coordination is key to increasing their services.

Administration

We had a state audit of our WIC program and we are in good shape.

George mentioned the Great Start Initiatives that are currently happening in the county. There is a focus on early childhood education at the state level.

George mentioned the County Health Rankings and Shiawassee County is in the middle

statewide. Overall our ranking is 44 out of 82 counties. These rankings are difficult to quantify and look at health outcomes and health factors. The more affluent counties rank higher.

George mentioned the Governor's 4 x 4 plan (diet, exercise, physical & avoid tobacco use) and how it relates to healthy outcomes.

George discussed the MALPH lobbying day at the capitol.

Contracts

Equipment

Mary Buginsky made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 new tablet computers for the EH food program at a cost of $900 each. Support by Jim Capitan. Motion carried. All yeas.

Vacant Position

Motion by Mary Buginsky to hire a new Director of Finance and Administrative Services. Support by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. George informed the Board that Shelbie Perrin (our outgoing Finance Director) will continue to work for us part time via telecommute until we have the new person in place.

Travel

VII. Members Comments

John Horvath mentioned the situation with Moon Lake Mobile Home and asked about any updates. As of yet, we have not heard the outcome of the continuation show cause hearing that took place in April. A bill (HB 5513) has been introduced in the state legislature that involves licensing and inspections of mobile home parks. It has been referred to the committee on regulatory reform. Discussion followed.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjourn - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Jim Capitan made a motion to adjourn, second by Patricia Cords. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Johnson

5/7/14