

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

August 22, 2013

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

Absent: Mary Buginsky

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

Teleconference:

Public:

I. Call to order

Patricia Cords called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Additions to the agenda

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Gene Paez. Motion carried.

III. Approval of minutes of past meeting

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve the July 18, 2013 minutes, supported by John Pajtas. Motion carried.

IV. Report of Chairman

No report.

V. Finance Committee

1. Approve Bills:

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve the bills from August 15th in the amount of \$18,026.68 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 August 22nd in the amount of \$6,704.90 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 \$151.35. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

VI. Director's Report

Financial Statements

No budget report. We have requested a status quo county general fund budget appropriation of \$246,000. Budget is in good shape. We are working on final budget amendments for the fiscal year. Shelbie is on maternity leave. She had a baby girl named Quinn Patricia.

Emergency Preparedness

Jodi mentioned the hospital's role in the recent salmonella outbreak and recognized them as an important community partner in protecting public health.

New EP work plan was just released.

Environmental Health

There will be a Cottage Food Law seminar on August 27 from 6-8pm at the Chamber of Commerce in Owasso. Trevor Older from our office will be conducting the seminar.

Larry discussed prescription medication drop off locations and household hazardous waste. (HHW) Collection will be Oct. 26, 2013.

MDARD issued a memo about smoking on outdoor patios which stated that smoking will now be permitted if no wait staff is working on the patio. Basically, you can order your food and bring it out on the patio and smoke. This is a big change from past practice and could increase enforcement responsibilities for local public health.

Larry mentioned that all of the Health Dept. has played a role in the recent salmonella foodborne illness investigation.

Personal Health

Courtney provided a synopsis of the salmonella outbreak and investigation. The illness onset range was July 28 – August 5. We are continuing to get a few reported cases but they all fall within that range. Salsa was the common item consumed by all of the sick individuals. El Potrero was the restaurant that all of the sick had in common. PH staff conducted 13 page food history reports for each case. EH staff conducted multiple inspections and site visits at El Potrero restaurant. This is an ongoing investigation and it is very lengthy and time consuming. We are being very diligent as we proceed. Discussion followed.

We just completed our WIC audit and we scored a 97% on all of our indicators.

We are promoting back to school immunizations and scheduling more clinics in August. Flu season preparations are underway.

Healthy Kids Day was held today (August 22) at the Steam Railroading Institute. We provided lead testing (finger pokes) and made immunization records available. We got quite a few children to do the finger pokes.

Administration

George mentioned that union negotiations are ongoing with the Clerical Employees Unit and we are now in mediation which will continue on September 4.

George discussed MDCH approval of our organization plan. He received a personalized letter from MDCH Director Jim Haveman.

Contracts

It was moved by John Pajtas, supported by Gene Paez to forward to the Board of Commissioners the CPBC Amendment #4 with no change in the overall dollar amount \$877,494. Motion carried. All yeas.

Equipment

Vacant Position

Travel

Jim Capitan made a motion to send three employees to Kalamazoo for Hearing and Vision Conference for one night in September. Jeff Bartz supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

Jeff Bartz made a motion to send one employee and one board member for two nights to the annual Environmental Health Director's Conference in Higgins Lake, MI in September. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas. Gene Paez abstained.

Jim Capitan made a motion to send one board member for 2 nights to the Premier Public Health Conference in Bay City, MI. in October. Jeff Bartz supported. Motion carried. All yeas. Gene Paez abstained.

John Pajtas made a motion to send one employee for 2 nights to the School Wellness Conference in Boyne City, MI. in October. Gene Paez supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

VII. Members Comments

Gene Paez mentioned a presentation at the upcoming Premier Public Health Conference on disinterment of bodies. The Health Officer must sign off before any disinterment can occur. Gene Paez mentioned that there is an upcoming vote regarding the Affordable Care Act on August 27 in the Michigan State Senate. The MALPH Executive Director received a 13% raise. The state budget restored 5% of previously cut funding for Essential Local Public Health Services. National accreditation was discussed at the August MALPH meeting. Shiawassee voted no on a resolution of support for national accreditation.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjourn - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Johnson

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