# SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**November 21, 2013**

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

**Absent:**

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

**Teleconference:** Mary Buginsky

**Public:**

## I. Call to order

Gene Paez called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

## II. Additions to the agenda

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

## III. Approval of minutes of past meeting

Jim Capitan made a motion to approve the October 24, 2013 minutes, supported by John Pajtas. Motion carried.

## IV. Report of Chairman

Deferred to MALPH report.

## V. Finance Committee

### 1. Approve Bills:

Jeff Bartz made a motion to approve the bills from November 7th in the amount of $21,568.38 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 November 24th in the amount of $19,778.11 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. Jim Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

### 2. Write off Accounts Receivable:

No write-offs.

## VI. Director's Report

### Financial Statements

Fiscal year-end financial statements were distributed. Budget finished up in good shape.

## Emergency Preparedness

No report.

## Environmental Health

Larry discussed the recent power outage in Shiawassee County. A press release was sent out regarding food and well water and what procedures should be followed in case of spoilage. A sanitarian visited all of the restaurants that had lost power to provide them with information on the requirements for disposing of food. A shelter was temporarily opened in Durand as a warming center. Environmental Health inspections are to be completed at these shelters using a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) inspection form.

The final waste amount taken at the HHW collection was 17,050 lbs. and 312 cars. This was our busiest collection to date. Since the collections began in 2002, we have received 143,351 lbs. of HHW. That is over 71 tons of hazardous waste that is no longer a threat to public health or the environment. The collection came in under budget.

## Personal Health

Breast and cervical contracts have gone out to the providers (Memorial and Planned Parenthood) and we hope to have them for Board approval next month.

We are concerned about immunization rates in schools in Shiawassee County. More and more parents are signing waivers and this is a disturbing trend. Measles is now increasing nationwide. Courtney plans to meet with school superintendents to discuss the importance of childhood vaccines.

## Administration

George said that recruiting is underway for a PH Nurse position.

George provided the board with two recent news articles about the Health Dept. The first article was about Health Dept. accreditation and the second was about our role in the recent power outage.

There are two upcoming vacancies on the Health Board, Jim Capitan and John Pajtas' terms are expiring. Both expressed interest in continuing to serve and will submit a letter of interest to the Board of Commissioners.

## Contracts

Request authorization to sign an extension of the contract between the Shiawassee County Health Department and Medical Director, Dr. Dennis Chernin for 2014 in the amount of $35,124. Patricia Cords made a motion to forward the contract to the Board of Commissioners, supported by Jeff Bartz. Motion carried. All yeas.

Request authorization to sign an extension of the contract between the DEQ and the Shiawassee County Health Department for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of $37,173. Jeff Bartz made a motion to forward the contract to the Board of Commissioners, supported by John Pajtas. Motion carried. All yeas

**Equipment**

**Vacant Position**

**Travel**

## VII. Members Comments

MALPH continues to push the State of Michigan to address the deficiency in the 50-50 cost share (state and local) that is required by the Public Health Code. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was discussed at length at the MALPH meeting. Michigan is projecting cost savings in the fiscal year budget through the Medicaid expansion. The budget is dependent on these savings. Auto no fault reform is currently being discussed in the state legislature. A smoking bill has been introduced that would further erode public health under Michigan's smoke free law. This bill would allow for smoking on patios at restaurants and bars that are less than 50% enclosed.

Jeff Bartz mentioned that Woods and Fields Mobile Home Park is planning to install and operate their own sewage treatment system.

## VIII. Other Business

## IX. Public Comment

## X. Adjourn - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Jim Capitan made a motion to adjourn, second by Jeff Bartz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Johnson

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