

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

February 23, 2012

Present: Mary Buginsky, James Capitan, Gerald Cole, Patricia Cords, Eugene Paez, and John Pajtas.

Staff: Courtney Herrick, Larry Johnson, George Pichette, and Lisa Smith

I. Call to order

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

II. Additions to the agenda

John Pajtas made a motion to approve the agenda as written, supported by James Capitan. Motion carried. All yeas.

III. Approval of minutes of past meeting

John Pajtas and Patricia Cords requested that a correction be made to the January 26, 2012 minutes. On page two, the last paragraph under Environmental Health, the spelling of formally should be changed to formerly. Also, Patricia Cords questioned the last page under the Misteguay creek section if the \$30,000 for 20 years should be \$30,000 per year for 20 years. James Capitan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the January 26, 2012 Health Board, supported by Eugene Paez. Motion carried. All yeas.

IV. Report of Chairman

No report.

V. Finance Committee

1. Approve Bills:

Gerald Cole made a motion to approve the bills from February 9th in the amount of \$16,194.14 and February 23rd in the amount of \$12,950.82 and authorize the Health Department to pay the same. James Capitan supported. Motion carried. All yeas.

2. Write off Accounts Receivable:

Gerald Cole made a motion to approve January write offs of accounts receivable in the amount of \$885.60; \$615 for immunizations; \$90 for hepatitis b; \$93 for flu; \$10 for lead tests; \$41.60 for maternal infant health program; and \$36 for TB tests. James Capitan supported. Motion carried, all yeas.

VI. Director's Report

Financial Statements

December financial statements were sent out in the Health Board packets and January financial statements were distributed during the Health Board meeting. CPBC revenue is at a negative \$92,000 due to an auditor entry. The auditors require us to move this revenue into December and then reverse it in January. This converts the CPBC from fiscal year to calendar year.

Emergency Preparedness

Jodi was unable to attend our meeting today because she is attending Leadership Shiawassee with Margaret McAvoy. We recently passed the review on our Strategic National Stockpile plan with a score of 98%, which is up from last year's score of 89%. Our high score was due to dedication and hard work of the Health department along with other community partners. We also passed our quarterly 800 MHZ radio drill with a score of 94%.

Environmental Health

We assisted Laingsburg Middle School with an issue pertaining to overheating of backup batteries causing a release of hydrogen sulfide gas. School was canceled for the day. The Health Department contacted the Department of Community Health who assisted on what protocol to follow for students to return. Air monitoring was performed by a contractor using air monitoring equipment which was overseen by the Health Department. Testing came back ok, we allowed for the school to reopen the next day.

A proposed change to the food law is going before the state legislature. The Michigan Food Law is being amended to adopt the National Food Code. The biggest change will be in the terminology for how results are defined. Currently the terms critical and non critical are used for violation(s) when performing restaurant inspections. New terminology will be changed from critical to priority, non-critical to core, and priority foundation for violations that don't fall under the other two categories.

We will be having our bi-annual sewage contractors meeting on March 12th at GiGi's from 8:30 until noon. This is where we get sewage installers together to talk about updates at the Health Department and new technology. Our key note speaker is an Iraq/Afghanistan veteran and an Environmental Health Director for Sanilac county.

Personal Health

Schools are required, by the end of the month, to have all immunization reporting into the Health Department for kindergarten, any new students and sixth graders. This is to make sure they are up-to-date on their immunizations and if they opt out of immunizations then a waiver must be on file.

Influenza A is on the rise. We have been responding to a possible outbreak at the Durand Convalescent Center, testing is in the process and confirmation is pending test results.

Around the second week of March, we will be having a free flu clinic with intra dermal flu vaccine that was received from the state. This vaccine is licensed for people ages 18-64.

Courtney's observations of MIHP home visits went very well; this allowed for her to see how the nurses handle four home visits per day and the paper work that comes with this.

Administration

According to the Governors new budget message, he expects Local Public Health to play a leadership role in the battle against obesity, without any added funds going to the Health Department. The Governor has established a 4 x 4 plan. The concepts of the plan are diet, exercise, annual physical, and to avoid tobacco. The other side to the 4 x 4 plan is in knowing the important numbers which are: blood sugar levels, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, and BMI.

We have negotiated a new union contract with the nurses. It's a three year agreement beginning January 1, 2012. The contract provides for an extension of the existing contract with wage re-openers in years two and three and zero for year one. The contract is currently being reviewed by the nurses.

Contracts

Request approval to sign the BCCCP contract between the Shiawassee County Health Department and Memorial Healthcare for the period 10/1/11 to 9/30/12. James Capitan made a motion to table the contract, supported by Gerald Cole. Motion carried all yeas.

Staff Training

Request approval to send three employees to the annual Michigan Environmental Health Association in Kalamazoo for three nights. Eugene Paez made a motion to approve the travel per county policy, supported by James Capitan. Motion carried all yeas.

Equipment

Request approval to purchase a firewall with a 3 year license in the amount of \$2,200 to guard us from threats from the internet. Eugene Paez made a motion to approve the purchase, supported by John Pajtas. Motion carried all yeas.

Childhood Obesity

George presented an obesity power point followed by discussion.

VII. Members Comments

Eugene Paez gave a report on the MALPH meeting. In the Governors new budget proposal, there is discussion about reducing the retirement factor to 1.5 which could effect the County retirement. Retirement discussion to follow. The summary for the Governors proposed budget, House bill 4526, was available to look over.

The Governors proposed budget is going to be controversial in that they want to move part of substance abuse from the Health Departments to Mental Health.

There is also an 11 million dollar proposal to better support seniors and people with disabilities. The proposal is to reduce the waiting list of my choice home and community based waiver program. This allows for individuals to make a choice to stay in their home or go into a nursing home.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Public Comments

X. Adjourn - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Smith

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