

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2011

Board of Health

Rick Tsoumas, Chairman
Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani
Kathy Foerster
Steve Frisbie, Commissioner
Ken Ponds

Health Department

John Eva
Paul Makoski
Victoria Reese
James Rutherford
Cindy Southwick

Absent

Samantha Pearl

County Administration

Art Kale, Commissioner
Kelli Scott, County Administrator

Other

Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer

Tsoumas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m, Tsoumas introduced and welcomed Steve Frisbie, County Commissioner, as a new member of the Board of Health.

Consent Agenda

Ponds motioned for approval of agenda, Karamchandani seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Foerster motioned for approval of December 2010 minutes. Ponds seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Eva presented the financial report. Overall CCPHD revenues have exceeded expenditures for the four months ending January 2011 by \$690. Department revenues are 31% and expenditures are 31% compared to an anticipated 33%. Lower than expected financial activity for the Senior Millage Vision (2592), Senior Millage Hearing (2593), Nurse-Family Partnership (2604), and Household Hazardous Waste (2606) programs to date account for substantially all of the 2% difference between budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures.

The Refugee Health Assessment Program assessed 50 refugees in January or 37 more than average. Year-to-date this accounts for approximately \$50,000 more revenue and expenditures than budgeted. It appears that February will return to budgeted levels.

Presentation

Gerald Wojtala, International Food Protection Institute presented to the Board. Gerald pointed out that Battle Creek is in a position to be a global leader in food protection resource development and innovation. The key deliverables for the Food Institute will be to build the national curriculum. To gain more knowledge on the Institute, go to www.IFPTI.org

Sharon Davis, National Resource Center for the Healing of Racism also presented to the Board and shared some of the comments from participants in the training for Healing of Racism.

Questions and concerns after the training were, where do we go from here, and how do we apply what was learned? For a copy of the presentations, contact Cindy Southwick at 269-969-6382 or via email at csouthwick@calhouncountymi.gov.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. This report included: Nurse-Family Partnership Program, Racial Healing Training Sessions, Healthy Lifestyles Initiative, Enbridge Oil Release, Epidemiologist Analyst Position Update, Clinic/Personal Health Office Renovation, and Minority Health Partnership Program. For a copy of the Health Officer report, contact Cindy Southwick at 269-969-6382 or via email at csouthwick@calhouncountymi.gov.

Regarding the Epidemiologist position, Rutherford and Tsoumas will meet the final candidate before hiring.

Southwick will print signs depicting calendar dates, and directions to the Board meetings. The signs will be located in the Toeller Building at the back entrance and front entrance.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.