



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

Board of Health

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairperson
Nancy Mullett, Vice Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne
Amy Davis
Rick Hensley
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner

Health Department

Tana Calkins
Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer

Other

County Administration

Absent

Ronnie Sims

Meeting called to order

Karamchandani called the meeting to order at 8am.

Agenda

Item added to the agenda under Health Officer Report:

- Lakeview Schools Health Center

Hensley motioned for agenda approval. Byrne seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Mullett motioned for approval of the consent agenda. Davis seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

Calkins presented an update of the CCPHD Emergency Preparedness (EP) program. The presentation included:

- An overview of what EP is.
- How EP is funded.
- EP activities and exercises completed since Calkins was hired in May, 2013.
- Future plans for EP.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. The report included:

- **Albion Relocation:** The CCPHD is working with Dr. Bill Dobbins to discuss the possible relocation to a building he owns in Albion. The office building contains six exam rooms and requires only minor renovations. The building is located on East Michigan Avenue, across the street from Biggby® coffee and Albion College. A new Albion location is required to expand services in Albion. The CCPHD is trying to provide service at a local level so that Albion residents do not need to drive 52 miles round trip for medical care. Clinical staff would need to expand right away. Moving to this location will increase CCPHD costs \$40,000 annually. The CCPHD will ultimately need to partner with another provider, such as a dentist to cover some of the additional cost.

A proposed budget for the new location was requested by the Board, which Rutherford will provide to all members. A plan for the service expansion was also requested.

Byrne moved that the Board of Health (BOH) support the proposal to move the Albion CCPHD clinic to a new location and expand services. Hensley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

- **Governor Snyder's Public Health Regionalization/Merger Initiative:** Governor Snyder is in favor of a regional approach to many government services, including Public Health. Rutherford noted that we need to be cautiously open-minded about this opportunity. Comment was made that collaboration and regionalization would be a better alternative than turning the department over to a statewide agency.
- **FireKeepers Grant Award:** The CCPHD received a \$15,000 grant, in partnership with the Haven of Rest, from the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board to provide nursing services for the Haven. Question was asked as to what service(s) the nurse would be providing. Services provided by the CCPHD will be immunizations for children, services for pregnant women, addiction detox, and referrals for addictions.
- **Lakeview Health Center:** The CCPHD received verbal notification from the Michigan Department of Community Health that it has been awarded a grant to place a health center at Lakeview Middle School. The health center will serve both Middle and High school students. The grant is \$195,000 per year and guaranteed for five years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Deb Metzgar at 269-969-6463 or via email at dmetzgar@calhouncountymi.gov