

# Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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August 20, 2012

## **Board of Health**

Rick Tsoumas, Chairman  
Kathy Foerster  
Steve Frisbie, County Commissioner  
Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Mullett  
Ken Ponds

## **Health Department**

Bonnie Detweiler  
DeShaun Embry  
James Rutherford

## **Absent**

Nelson Almeida

## **County Administration**

Kelli Scott

## **Other**

Carl Gibson  
Amanda Menzies

## **Meeting called to order**

Tsoumas called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

## **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

## **Consent Agenda**

Ponds motioned for approval of the agenda, Frisbie seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

## **Presentation**

Gibson attended the Board of Health meeting due to the Calhoun County Senior Millage and the struggles of seniors in our community. He briefly discussed the Strategic Planning and the Community Needs Assessment for seniors. A copy of the 2011 Annual Report will be sent out to the BOH members electronically for review. Gibson informed the board that 67 counties have millages while over 20 counties do not. Gibson expressed interest in working collaboratively with the Health Department to help ensure that the program which focuses on the senior population can continue.

Menzies, Public Sector Consultant, will be contracting with Calhoun County to help with the development of the Community Health Needs Assessment. She will work collaboratively with Summit Pointe, Community Healthcare Connections, Integrated Health Partners, and others. Criteria will be set to identify what needs should be addressed. The Board briefly discussed the reasoning behind using The Coordinating Council (TCC) data instead of starting fresh with data that may have been recently collected. Menzies insured the Board that this issue would be one of the main focuses for the advisory group, and also by using the TCC, it would not only be a financial saving but would also save them the time of gathering this information. The Board would like Menzies to come back in a couple of months to update them on the progress during the implementation process.

### **Board of Health Membership**

Tsoumas announced that another Board position has become available and if any of the current board members knew of a potential candidate that may be interested in serving on this Board they were encouraged to get that information to Embry as soon as possible.

### **Health Officer Report**

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. This report included:

- Community Health Program Manager Introduction
- Health Equity Alliance- Allied Health Scholarship Initiative
- Fiscal Year 2013 Update
- Teen Outreach Funding Update
- School Wellness Program Evaluation Update

For a copy of a presentation or the Health Officer Report, contact DeShaun Embry at 269-969-6463 or via email at [dembry@calhouncountymi.gov](mailto:dembry@calhouncountymi.gov).

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 am**