

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2013

Board of Health

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairman
Nancy Mullett, Vice Chairman
Mary Jo Byrnes
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner
Kathy Foerester
Ken Ponds
Rick Tsoumas

Health Department

James Rutherford, Health Officer
Brigette Reichenbaugh
Kristin Tekiele

County Administration

Kelli Scott

Meeting called to order

Karamchandani called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Agenda

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

Agenda

Ponds motioned for agenda approval. Mullett seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Presentation

Lesley Anne Durant, JD, Integrated Health Partners, presented “Transforming Health Care Through Community Collaboration.” If you have questions or would like a copy of the presentation, call Lesley at 269-245-3873.

Finance

Rutherford highlighted the Financial Report. Tsoumas questioned the accounting unit of 2610 – Administration. He asked for a closer review or clarification for a potential alternate method of accounting. Rutherford also updated the Board on the FYE14 Budget process. There was discussion around the requested cut of approximately \$30,000 in general funds and the overall County’s budget.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford summarized the August Health Officer’s report.

There was discussion around a community health centralization model (i.e., working together towards one outcome without duplicating measures). Rutherford will send out the link to the Kent County Health Improvement Plan for reference as we move forward in developing the Calhoun County CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan). Rutherford asked for Board representation at the September Regional Health Alliance meeting as discussions continue around health centralization.

Rutherford summarized the goal to revamp the medical examiner program.

For a copy of a presentation or the Health Officer report, contact Brigette Reichenbaugh at 269-969-6366 or via email at breichenbaugh@calhouncountymi.gov.

Rutherford presented Foerster with a recognition plaque to thank you for her service for over six years.

Karamchandani noted that Michigan immunization rates have declined in Michigan and asked for an update on Calhoun County's rates. Rutherford will provide a five-year trend for Calhoun County for both adult and childhood immunizations.

Meeting adjourned 9:43 a.m.