



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2015

Board of Health

Nancy Mullett, Vice-Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne
Rick Hensley
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner

Health Department

Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer

County Administration

Kelli Scott

Absent

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairperson
Amy Davis
Ronnie Sims

Meeting called to order

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

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Hensley motioned for approval of the consent agenda. Dunn seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report in PowerPoint format. It included an overview and update on the status of the following programs:

- School Wellness Program (SWP):
 - With the addition of the Lakeview Health Center, the Calhoun Public Health Department (CCPHD) now has three school based Child and Adolescent Health Centers.
 - The CCPHD employs 16 school nurses.
 - Union City is one out-of-county school currently in the SWP. Olivet Schools is another out-of-county school that is interested in participating in the CCPHD's SWP next year.
 - Social Workers will be transitioning from contracted employees of Summit Pointe to contracted employees of the CCPHD.

- The CCPHD has been ~~granted~~-funded for the purchase of one Telehealth unit.
- Health Equity Alliance (HEA):
 - Currently midway through a one-year planning grant. The CCPHD is considering Kellogg Community College as a better home for the C1B1 initiative because of its education-based programming.
 - The HEA steering committee dissolved approximately eight months ago due to a lack of participation and interest from community members.
- Albion Relocation:
 - Negotiations continue for the lease of a medical building in Albion located on Michigan Avenue. Calhoun County administration has been extremely helpful during this process.
 - Future plans being considered include expanding services.
- Substance Abuse Council (SAC):
 - Rutherford is on the SAC board.
 - The SAC feels they need to find a new location. The CCPHD is working on a lease with SAC to occupy space with the CCPHD within the Toeller Building.
- Solid Waste Program:
 - The CCPHD assumed responsibility for this program in December 2013. The Environmental Health department currently runs the program.
 - There is a Solid Waste Advisory committee.
 - The new recycling center in Albion opened recently with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The next step is to revamp the Marshall location like the Albion center.
- Planned Parenthood Departure:
 - The Battle Creek location of Planned Parenthood closed abruptly in January. Title X dollars previously being used by Planned Parenthood will be reallocated in order to provide family planning services to Calhoun County residents. There are concerns about transferring funds to their Kalamazoo location due to travel distance.
- Medical Examiner (ME):
 - The CCPHD has received some complaints about timeliness, communication, and dignity. Rutherford has a meeting with the ME to address these concerns.
- Funding:
 - Due to an Executive Order from Governor Rick Snyder, effective April 1, 2015, there will be a 15% cut in state funding to all Health Departments. This equals \$20,000 for the CCPHD. To accommodate this cut in funding, the CCPHD will not fill a vacant position in Environmental Health. Before next year's budget is submitted, the CCPHD will re-evaluate this position and other ways to accommodate this cut in funding.

A comment was made that this type of update from the Health Officer was very nice and would be a welcome addition to the agenda. It was suggested that possibly Rutherford could present in this way twice a year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 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