

Calhoun County Board of Health
Monday, August 20, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health

Larry Anderson, Chair
Jeff Mitchell, Vice Chair
Kathryn Foerster
Ken Ponds
Rick Tsoumas

Health Department

Dottie-Kay Bowersox
Regina Crooks
Genessa Doolittle
John Eva
Kim Kutzko
Paul Makoski
Bob Overley
Brigette Reichenbaugh
Mike Waite

Calhoun County

Pam Kline
Nancy Mullett
Wendee Woods

Guest

William Coats
Gene Miyamoto, Chief Operations
Office, Battle Creek Health System

Absent

Byron McDonald, Excused
Eusebio Solis, Excused

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. Anderson motioned for approval of the agenda. All in favor.

Appeal

Mr. Coats presented his appeal. Ponds asked for mound system alternatives. Mitchell moved to deny the appeal. Tsoumas supported. All in favor. Motion appeal denied.

Reichenbaugh presented the revised vision statement to the Board. Doolittle presented the FIMR program annual report. Tsoumas noted that obtaining FIMR funding year after year will become more difficult, but testified to the importance of sustaining the program.

BRFSS presentation. Tsoumas noted that CC should conduct and plan to fund this survey every five years potentially approach the Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF) for funding.

Consent Agenda

Bowersox presented the resolution summary to the Board. Foerster moved approval. Mitchell seconded. All in favor. Consent Agenda Approved.

Financial Reports

The 07-08 budget will be presented at the September BOH meeting. Bowersox stated several funding updates including an increase in hearing & vision funds, increase in tobacco funds, additional \$31,000 allocated for FIMR, \$50,000 for EH technology upgrades. Tsoumas asked that CCPHD summarize CCPHD costs for services and surrounding county fee comparison. Bowersox updated the Board on the EH director collaboration discussions with Kalamazoo county. Anderson noted that the current budget (state, federal, and county) trend and its impact on CCPHD. Anderson asked, considering these trends, if CCPHD will continue looking at long-term methods of providing services and funding? Mitchell asked what the impact on health indicators is within Calhoun County as funding continues decreasing. What does CCPHD have in mind? Bowersox answered that CCPHD plans to continue cross-training staff, updating technology particularly because of the high number of eligible employees that qualify for retirement within the next five years, collaboration with other jurisdictions, etc.

Health Officer Report

Appeals Board. Bowersox suggested that all appeals be presented to the appeals board including a well installer, driller, homeowner, engineer, BOH member, and CCPHD staff. Tsoumas asked if that could cause any potential issues. If there is any conflict of interest they will be asked to step aside. Forester and Tsoumas feel the food advisory council is a great idea but shy away from the initiation of appeals board. This advisory board will also review any sanitation code updates. The Board is in favor of a formal community input process but decided to void the appeals board.

Board Report

Mullett asked for BOH comments regarding the current bylaws. No additional comments presented. Finalized version will be presented at the September meeting for vote. Commissioners will vote following.

Post all BOH openings on the web site. Reichenbaugh to have Clerk's office send out, board identifies candidates. Board agreed to three three-year term limits.

Motion for adjournment.

Ponds, Tsoumas, Mitchell will be absent for the September 17 meeting. Reichenbaugh to confirm or reschedule next meeting date.