

Board of health Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2007

ATTENDEES

Board of Health	Health Department
Larry Anderson Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell Kathy Forester Ken Ponds Eusebio Solis Richard Tsoumas	Paul Makoski Kristin Roux Brigette Reichenbaugh Dottie-Kay Bowersox John Eva
County Administration	Other
Greg Purcell Nancy Mullett	Elizabeth Huff, Battle Creek Enquirer Jill Wise, Battle Creek Community Foundation
Absent	
Byron McDonald	

Meeting called to order at 8:00. Forester moved approval of agenda. Mitchell seconded. All approved.

Wise presented on the Regional Health Alliance activities and events. There are six issue action groups. TCC, TP3, Maternal and Infant Health Commission (MIHC), School Wellness Program Advisory Group, Minority Health Partnership, and Choose Health. Wise touched on access to care within Calhoun County. Several items included the OB/GYN issue, the Calhoun Health Plan (increase in access to care for the uninsured including prescription coverage), MIHC, and FIMR (led to new issues regarding infant mortality including implementation of infant safe sleep). RHA's annual meeting is Wednesday, October 24 at 3:30 with review of each action group. Maternal and Infant Health Symposium will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2007 8-2:30. Anderson asked if there is CCPHD representation on the issue action groups. He also asked if there is adequate communication between RHA and CCPHD. Wise answered improvement in communication and representation. She also touched on the dental program within Calhoun County. Dentist partnership program.

Consent Agenda

Ponds motioned to approve the consent agenda. All in favor.

Strategic Planning

Roux presented the Health Committees report briefly touching on each issue. MHP is moving forward with addressing health disparities in Calhoun County. Dizzy Warren offered to provide assistance with Health Committee minority member recruitment.

Recruitment letter will be sent to churches. Tsoumas stated he would like to see specifically what impact CCPHD is making for each committee and a list of the five or so items we are doing.

TP3 update and primarily the access to contraceptive initiative. Tsoumas asked if more detailed race data can be provided for teen pregnancy.

Reichenbaugh presented the Marketing Committee report:

Anderson asked if anyone tried to determine the root cause of Calhoun County decreasing health indicators.

Financial Reports

Eva presented. Mitchell continues to ask about operating in a deficit. Tsoumas finds it financial suicide to operate on a deficit. Tsoumas also feels a CCPHD budget committee should be implemented immediately. Bowersox stated that the internal communication begins immediately with the October all-staff meeting (October 16th).

Health Officer's Report

Bowersox reviewed her update. Tsoumas asked about mandated flu vaccine. Mitchell suggested a mandatory flu vaccine policy for CCPHD. Mullett agreed to look into.

Board Discussion

Resolution 10-2007: Mitchell moved for approval of bylaws. Ponds seconded. Mitchell asked when Article III, Section 4. If you're at the end of your term, you will finish your term out. Tsoumas asked that a Board member, potentially the Chair, personally contact McDonald to inform. To be fair and not to underhand. Approval of the amended bylaws. All in favor.

Health Officer Evaluation Policy and Process. Tsoumas will chair health officer evaluation. Solis and Ponds and Purcell will sit on committee too. Anderson recommended using the presented policy and evaluate at the end of the process.

Mission statement discussion. Reichenbaugh to present several mission ideas to BOH at next meeting.

Board of Health members. Mullett to check with McDonald and nominating committee will be established.

The November 17, 2007 meeting date. Mullett will provide support with resolutions. CCPHD Emergency Responders (including Bowersox, Waite, Eva, Reichenbaugh, Makoski, etc.) are scheduled to attend a mandatory training.

Mitchell moved adjournment. Solis seconded.