

# Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2008

## **Board of Health**

Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell, Chair  
Rick Tsoumas, Vice-Chair  
Kathy Foerster  
Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani  
Ken Ponds  
Eusebio Solis

## **Health Department**

Larry Anderson  
John Eva  
Diana Hazard  
Brigitte Reichenbaugh

## **County Administration**

Mark Stuhldreher

## **Other**

Dr. Gregory Harrington, CCPHD Medical Director

## **Absent**

Samantha Pearl, Excused

The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 8:04 am. Mitchell began with introductions. Mitchell introduced Laura, Administration Fellow with BCHS.

No public present.

Diana Hazard presented the CCPHD WIC Program (Women, Infants, and Children). Several questions were raised regarding WIC services.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Foerster moved approval of minutes. Ponds seconded. All approved.

## **MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Harrington, CCPHD Medical Director, updated the Board on the contract received for the Burmese refugee care, specifically relating to Tuberculosis (TB). Full-care services will be offered to the refugees and CCPHD will provide a broad range of services for refugees entering Calhoun County including hearing and vision, TB testing, etc. Dr. Harrington, CCPHD staff, and County Administration continue to finalize the details.

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) update. The number of actual dollars and expenditures spent on MRSA is much higher than TB. Harrington suggests continued awareness education of high school coaches and officials. The Board suggested speaking with the Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD) for a potential presentation by Harrington to schools and superintendents. Mitchell asked Anderson to make some contacts.

Harrington is attending a conference in September 2008 to potentially collaborate public health resources, specifically TB cases, throughout Michigan.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Eva presented the 10 month financials.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Tsoumas provided an introduction to the FYE 09 budget and budget process. Eva summarized the FYE 09 budget. Tsoumas moved approval. Ponds support. All approved. Tsoumas thanked all involved.

## **ACTING HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**

- WIC open house to be scheduled.
- Transition planning. Anderson will provide overlap.
- School nursing. Harper Creek, due to budget constraints, dropped school nursing. Lakeview added one day of school nursing. Supporters include: CISD \$10,000, Battle Creek Health System \$20,000, CCPHD over \$50,000, and the Battle Creek Community Foundation/Regional Health Alliance. Contracts have been mailed.
- School Health Services Program Assessment. Anderson to email summary. Add to next Board agenda.
- Renovation update.

Reichenbaugh updated on future meeting locations.

Mitchell updated on the handouts provided. Something to think about as we move forward with benchmarking.

Think about retreat in 2009 with new commissioners and strategic planning. Begin thinking about topics.

Meeting adjourned 9:30am.