

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH)**  
**Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C**  
**Tuesday, March 5, 2013**

**Minutes**

**In attendance for meeting:** Molly Polverento, Martha Adams, Dr. Maurice Reizen, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Mark Kieselbach, Garry Rowe, Dr. Christina Dokter, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Denise Chrysler, Commissioner Don Vickers, Dr. Sugandha Lowhim, Nancy Hayward, Tim Perrone, Jim Wilson, Sarah Bryant, Rich Estill, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for review and approval of minutes. There was a correction requested to change Delta Twp to Meridian Twp in the Other Discussions section of March's minutes. Dr. Maurice Reizen made a motion to accept March minutes with the requested change. Mark Kieselbach seconded the motion. Minutes for March were approved with the change.

**Announcements:** None

**Additions to agenda:** Denise Chrysler requested to add an update regarding Bed Bugs

**Public comment:** Ingham County residents, Tom Bergeon and Emily Barr Harvey were present to address sewer system issues on their property and requested a hearing of the Sanitary Codes Appeal Board. There were some initial questions from board members regarding the issues and what is being contested. Mr. Bergeon and Mrs. Barr Harvey were informed that a sub-committee of the Appeals Board would meet and notify them as to whether they would qualify for an appeals hearing.

Commissioner Vickers gave a brief comment, indicating the reason for Mr. Bergeon and Mrs. Barr Harvey's appearance at today's BoH meeting. They attended the April 1, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting where the Chairperson Todd Tennis directed them to present their request to the Board of Health.

**Infant Mortality Prevention Program Presentation – Sarah Bryant**

Sarah Bryant is supervisor overseeing two programs at ICHD in Public Health Nursing that are targeted at the disparities between black and white infants. The programs are Healthy Start and Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP).

Healthy Start is a national program that ICHD received a two year grant to fund the project. The programs strategies and goals are to prevent infant mortality by providing direct care services. She shared a copy of projects Abstract outlining the program and how they are working to decrease overall infant mortality. Direct care services, educational workshops and perinatal coordination of care are the three main focuses of the program. There was a question as to what the main cause is to the discrepancy, but there is no one factor there is a combination of things, access to care, nutrition, income, education and more. There was much discussion on what the causes are and how to circumvent them. There is an infant mortality coalition meeting every 4th Thursday, and all are invited to attend.

Nurse-Family Partnership was brought to nine counties in Michigan through the McVee Grant. Ingham is expected to serve 100 clients, with three target populations, Hispanic, African-American and Native Americans to work with infant mortality. Nurses work with first time moms for two years who must be enrolled in the program by 28 weeks of pregnancy. Evidence based practice shows that the most success is with first time moms. Program brochures were shared that outlined the program structures along with copies of sample forms used during the home visits. Another vital piece of the programs success is that the nurse not only provides the “clinical” support to their clients, they act as mentors to the clients needs such as assisting them in finding employment, housing, schooling, etc.

### **Bed Bugs – Denise Chrysler**

State Representative Andy Shor will be introducing legislation on bed bugs, which includes landlord tenant laws. The legislation will include making it a joint responsibility to take care of the problem/eradication, regulations for resale of used mattress and mattress disposal. Denise will be working on drafting a letter of resolution for the board to submit in support of proposed legislation.

### **Public Health Update – Nancy Hayward**

**National Public Health Week** – 1st week of April; ICHD is celebrating with info booths in the lobby.

**ICHD 75th Anniversary** – an Open House is planned for June 12th from 1-4 pm. More info to come.

**NACCHO Lifetime Services Nomination** – Nancy Hayward submitted a nomination for Dr. Maurice Reizen to be a recipient of this award. She will report back outcome when notified.

**Retirements** – Deb Brinson retired from her position as CEO / Director of Community Health Services. Also, County Controller Mary Lannoye announced her retirement which will become effective at the end of May. The Board will be updated on positions as they become available.

**Pew Trust Grant** – ICHD received a Health Impact Assessment grant which will be overseen by Dr. Janine Sinno. Mark Kieselbach is on the committees’ advisory board and will keep members up to date.

**Salmonella Outbreak** – the outbreak has definitely been linked to MSU, however they are not sure of the food source, and are having difficulty in tracking it down. Updates will be provided as available.

**Sequestration** – still not sure of what impact will be. Medicaid expansion is still not decided and whether it will move forward. Administration will continue to keep an eye on the situation.

**MI Immunization Registry (MCIR)** – Michigan has one of the best in country, but there is going to be a major cut in funding. Dr. Lowhim will send copy of report and what we can do to assist to prevent it.

**Multi Drug Resistant TB** – ICHD has had a patient who was experiencing resistance to standard treatments of TB. However, after two years they have finished treatment. Dr. Lowhim will update with more info on this, as they will be presenting their findings and treatment at a conference.

### **Other discussions:**

Dr. Reizen commented on the Fungal Meningitis outbreak resulting in 17 deaths in Michigan with at least 1 Ingham County death. Dr. Reizen would like to know the ICHD/BoH stance. Michigan has the highest number of cases, but not deaths. Tennessee has the highest number of deaths. Dr. Reizen has requested regular updates so the board may stay on top of things. Molly will share a link of the most current news article with members and will look into some information on who regulates compounding pharmacies as this is the source of the outbreaks.

### **Meeting adjourned.**

**Next Board of Health meeting – 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2013** in Conference Room C at the **Ingham County Health Department** located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing