

Ingham County Board of Health (BoH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Molly Polverento, Martha Adams, Dr. Maurice Reizen, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Mark Kieselbach, Dr. Christina Dokter, Denae Friedheim, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Jim Wilson, Rich Estill, Garry Rowe, Jessica Yorke, Jim Harrington, Sydney-intern, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pro Tem, Molly Polverento who called for review of minutes. Dr. Reizen moved to approve minutes. Martha Adams seconded motion. Minutes approved.

Additions to agenda – Update on Dr. Rowan

Public comment – none

Dr. Rowan Update – Martha Adams

Dr. Rowan is making progress following his stroke. He is in great spirits and thanks everyone for cards and well wishes. There is still some paralysis on left side, but he is up walking with assistance. He is still at Sparrow doing rehab and it is hoped he may be moved end of April to a specific facility for rehab.

Upcoming community meeting at Foster Community – Molly Polverento

Molly shared a draft copy of the meeting scheduled in May and called for additions to the draft. The purpose of holding the meeting at a community venue is to familiarize BoH with community and to find out what their needs are to make sure the Board stays inline and in tune with what is going on. There was discussion on outreach; Debbie will be sending out to list serves, community news and LSJ. It will be posted to the website. Dr. Rodriguez request some type of flyer be prepared so he may send out to school district lists, and also should be sent out through the City TV station. Jessica Yorke will make an announcement at the Lansing City Council meeting. The flyer will be shared with members to distribute to their networks as well.

Presentation and Discussion – Jim Harrington and Jessica Yorke

Jim began with a brief bio and background of what he does and what the presentation is about. He gave a PowerPoint “MI Clean Air Act Campaign” which focused on protecting the clean air and how the Lung Association (ALA) is implementing a campaign. ALA wants to defend the EPA authority to protect clean air. The Healthy Air campaign began in late 2010 and it is comprised of 20 different organizations of health and medical.

The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness about serious health consequences of rolling back clean air policies. He spoke about why the campaign is important, which centers around the air pollution we breathe which causes asthma attacks, increased ER visits and they affect primarily children and teens.

Identified sources were Ozone pollution which comes from many sources, but mostly transportation, buses, cars etc. He presented data on power plant mortality of existing plants and also a drill down for Michigan. There are approx 20 bills that have been introduced attacking the act and attempting to block its implementation. There are several campaign tools being utilized to generate their message. They have postcards and also have a resolution that organizations can submit in support of the campaign.

Jessica gave data that Ingham County has the 2nd highest Asthma ER rate in Michigan and Wayne County is 1st. The State average is 18%, Ingham County 36%. Jim reported there is progressive change that have taken place, however, there are also factors that are not in Ingham control, as the pollutant particles are delivered by air/wind from other areas.

The ALA is requesting that the Board consider taking action/supporting their campaign. A sample resolution was shared which the members agreed to review for consideration of submitting and supporting. Debbie, Jessica and Molly will take on review and edit of the sample resolution and resubmit for board approval at future meeting.

Public Health Update – Debbie Edokpolo

- **ICHD Reorganization** – The first round has been completed with a vote of acceptance by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners Human Services Committee. It will not go before the entire Board for their consideration of final approval.
- **Bureau of Environmental Health (EH)**
 - The State is looking at accepting class 1 medications at household hazardous waste collections sites during the pharmaceutical disposal times. Jim Wilson will update if this happens.
 - There is currently discussion to amend State Food Code in regards to commingling customer caught fish in restaurants.
 - Environmental Leadership Program is designed to work based on evaluation of businesses and if they do well it will allow facility to get less inspections, and when permits are needed it will allow them to go further ahead in line. This is coming through the state MEQ.
 - The tobacco sales rate to minors has gone down to 5.23% which is lowest rate ever in Ingham county, and lower than entire state. It is due to regulation and enforcement. They will now be looking at labeling and availability of products. EH now has a trained federal inspector on staff.
- **HUD Grant submission** – This is a Healthy home technical studies grant, which is very competitive and only two are awarded nationally. If not funded, the proposal is so well put together that other funding sources will be looked at to present this.
- **Award** – ICHD's Environmental Justice Coordinator, Jessica Yorke is a recipient of the Hometown Health Hero award as a policy champion. She will be recognized on April 25th at the Capitol.

BoH webpage update – Martha Adams

The webpage is current and Martha volunteered to review page next month for Dr. Rowan.

Announcements

- The State's County Health Rankings have been released and this may be a future meeting topic.
- The Public Health Conference is scheduled for October 3-4 in Big Rapids. Proposals can be submitted at their website MIPHA.org.
- Public Health Week will be held end of April.

Dr. Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Dokter seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board of Health meeting – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Foster Community Center located at 200 N. Foster Ave. in Lansing.

Nino moved to adj. dokter 2nd. Adjourned.