

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH)**  
**Foster Community Center – Room 211**  
**Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

**Minutes**

**In attendance for meeting:** Nancy Hayward, Molly Polverento, Martha Adams, Mark Kieselbach, Denae Friedheim, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Dr. Maurice Reizen, Dr. Renée Canady, Amy Moore, Garry Rowe, Jessica Yorke, Derrell Slaughter, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Nancy Hayward who called for review and approval of minutes from last month's meeting. After minor edits, Dr. Reizen moved to accept minutes. Martha Adams seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Additions to agenda: Smoke Free Regulation update, Update on Dr. Rowan, Resolution for Clean Air Act  
Public comment: None

**Introduction of BoH members and Community participants – Nancy Hayward**

Nancy welcomed a community guest in attendance and the board and staff introduced themselves.

**Overview of Board of Health Purpose and Goals – Nancy Hayward**

The board has been reviewing its goals with the intent of updating the charge and moving forward to meet that charge. The most recent goal is to reach out to the community to stay in tune with their needs, which is the reason for meetings being brought to a local community venue.

The chair requested a sub-committee be formed to formalize the boards goals. The subcommittee would work outside of regular board meetings to work on the goals. Volunteers were called for and the respondents were Nancy Hayward, Mark Kieselbach, Denae Friedheim and Garry Rowe. They will coordinate necessary meetings to work on this project and report back to the board as a whole.

**Comments from Community Participants**

Community participant Derrell Slaughter heard about the meeting from Jessica Yorke and also saw the announcement on Facebook. He was interested in seeing and learning what issues the board takes on and their processes.

**Public Health Update – Dr. Renée Canady**

- **Healthy Capital Counties:** Data collection has been concluded by means of focus groups and the BRFS. They are now running the analysis of the data collected. On May 3rd there will be an advisory meeting at Foster Community Center to present the initial findings of the data to prepare for the community dialogues that are being planned throughout the tri-county collaborative.
- **ICHHD Reorganization:** The reorganization has been moving forward since the Board of Commissioners approval in April. Dr. Lowhim is the new medical director for ICHD and has been invited to become a regular attendee as her schedule allows. The Deputy Health Officer position,

along with a couple of other positions, has been posted with an expectation of being filled soon. There has been an unexpected change in staffing, as the Chief Public Information Officer; Dr. Marcus Cheatham has accepted a position as the new Health Officer for the Mid-Michigan District Health Department. Medical Examiner services were contracted out last fiscal year and will continue with Dr. Joyce DeYoung as the contracted examiner for Ingham from Sparrow. She would be an excellent guest to have come and speak to the board.

- **ICHD Budget:** New this year is feedback by HERSA and auditing results. Use of these tools is to attempt to separate the community center network from the local public health funds. This will give a better window into how ICHD is operating financially. There is a meeting with the Controller coming up soon to discuss budget strategies and projections.
- **Bureau of Environmental Health (EH):**
  - A bill was signed that addressed burn barrels and the limits of what can be burned.
  - It's household hazardous waste collection season, which runs from May – September
  - A comprehensive strategy is underway for medical collection. EH recently held a collection event where they collected hundreds of pounds of unused/unwanted medicines for disposal.
  - EH has a new mapping system in use and available to the public, staff person Garry Rowe volunteered to do a presentation to the board at a future meeting.
  - There has been a rise in condemnation orders due to the increase in Meth Labs. EH is currently working on mapping the current spiking trends in the urban areas as it relates to the rural areas. Updates will be made available as the data collection and plan roles forward.

#### **BoH webpage May update/suggestions**

The update section of the meeting agendas will include what is to be prepared for each meeting so members are refreshed as to their duty for that month. Martha reviewed this month's webpage in Dr. Rowan's stead and all is current. There was a request to have Dr. Canady's featured article from the May issue of Greater Lansing Woman, be included on the webpage as a link. Denae Friedheim is the member assigned to review June and to update directly with Rich Estill.

#### **Clean Air Act Resolution – Nancy Hayward**

This is a follow up from April's meeting presentation on the Clean Air Act, by Jim Harrington of the American Lung Association (ALA). Jim provided a draft resolution to the board requesting support. Nancy read the proposed resolution to members present with edits based on prior input. There was additional discussion and a request that local data be included in the text of the resolution, which Jessica Yorke will provide for finalization. Once resolution finalized members requested that it also be forwarded to ICHD, BOC and local representatives.

**Dr. Nino moved that the board accept the resolution with suggested revisions and to support and submit to ALA. Molly Polverento seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Community guest Derrell announced that he is attending training in Cleveland regarding clean air on behalf of NAACP. Based on his announcement and some discussion he has been invited back to report information gleaned from that training. Jessica Yorke will work with him on putting together a report. Jim Wilson is also working on gathering clean air policies from other areas and Amy Moore will connect with him for possible reporting as well at a future meeting.

### **Dr. Rowan update – Martha and Nancy**

Dr. Rowan's wife sent an email updating on his current health. Martha read the email which in essence states that although he enjoys visitors, it has become taxing on his strength and so visits have been temporarily suspended to allow him time to rebuild his strength and to continue his rehabilitation. The board will continue to send get well wishes and speedy recovery with hopes for his return to the board.

### **Smoke Free Regulations – Maury and Amy**

There is a group called Tobacco Free Michigan who has put together a PowerPoint evaluating the current law. There is positive data coming back in from all areas and enforcement is going well. There was an article in the Lansing State Journal (LSJ) indicating smoke free ban is still a hot topic and not looked on favorably. Dr. Reizen prepared a resolution in response to this article and Amy Moore sent a letter to the bishop in Traverse City from which the article appears to have been generated from. She received a response which was shared indicating that although they are mentioned in the article it was not by/from them and they in no means support reversing the smoke free regulations.

**Dr. Nino Rodriguez moved that Dr. Reizen's letter be accepted as Resolution and adopted as an official stance of the board. Martha Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed. The resolution will be formally prepared and sent to LSJ as letter to editor.**

### **Announcements:**

- **CAHA Choosing Health Rally** – The rally is being held May 20th at Hawk Island Park. Additional information is available at [www.CAHealthalliance.org](http://www.CAHealthalliance.org) for more information.
- **GM Plant Tour** – a facility tour (8175 Millett Hwy, off Canal Rd) is being held at 8:00 am on May 7th. An increasing number of employees are returning to work from medical leaves on strong prescription meds that have the ability to cause impairment. The tours purpose is to familiarize health professionals with their patients work environments to make them more conscience of the medications they prescribe.
- **Public Health Week** – The last week in April was Public Health Week and ICHD's Jessica Yoriko was honored at the Capital as a Public Health Hero for her work in Environmental Justice.
- **ICHD School Health Center's** – ICHD is opening a new center at Sexton High School which will be the first high school community health center location. Also, Otto Middle School, which houses a community health center, is closing. ICHD is looking at relocating the center to the Eastern High School campus. Dr. Canady will update as information becomes available.

**Dr. Reizen moved to adjourn the meeting. Denaë Friedheim seconded the motion.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Next Board of Health meeting – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2012** in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing