

Ingham County Board of Health
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER: Molly Polverento will send out a summary email to the BOH of the non-BOH meeting dates discussed. Molly Polverento and Debbie Edokpolo will create a draft resolution in support of the Pathways program for the BOH to vote on at the September meeting.

In attendance for meeting: Martha Adams, Carol Callaghan, Denise Chrysler, Christina Dokter, Debbie Edokpolo, Sugandha Lowhim, Joel Murr, Haytham Oueidat, Molly Polverento, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Janine Sinno, Steph Strickling, Linda Vail.

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the June 2016 minutes. The June 2016 minutes were moved for approval by Nino Rodriguez and supported by Martha Adams; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Additions to Agenda: A discussion on the ICHHD budget process was added to the agenda as Item #1. A discussion about the Zika Campaign was added to the agenda as Item #5.

Limited Public Comment: Janine Sinno noted that an agricultural ordinance was being put forward to allow hoop houses in the City of Lansing. A meeting to discuss the issue will be held the evening of 8/3 at the Neighborhood Empowerment Center; the City is expected to take up discussion on the issue in September.

Announcements: Christina Dokter reminded everyone that the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) conference was taking place the following week. Christina will be presenting, as will Denise Chrysler. She also noted that a webinar had been sent out by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) overviewing the current state of local Boards of Health. Martha Adams informed the group that the annual backpack event hosted by the UAW would be taking place at their union hall on 8/16. The event runs throughout the day; in general over 500 parents attend the event with their children in order to get backpacks and supplies for school. Molly Polverento noted to the group that the MSU campus would be going tobacco free next month. Molly also noted that the City of Ann Arbor would be voting on an ordinance to increase the legal age for tobacco purchases to 21.

1. ICHD 2017 Budget

Nino Rodriguez asked for clarification on how the Ingham County budget process works. Linda Vail explained the process along with the current budget challenges being faced by both Ingham County and by ICHD. One of these challenges is a lack of funding to continue the Pathways program. She stated that we will know later in the month what the proposed ICHD FY 2017 budget will be. Nino expressed his desire as a BOH member to be an advocate for ICHD; Molly Polverento asked Linda to please let the BOH members know if there is anything they can do to help secure needed funding. Molly also suggested that BOH members could draft a resolution in support of the Pathways program; Nino was strongly in favor of this. Molly will work with Debbie Edokpolo to draft a resolution supporting the Pathways program and bring it to the September meeting for BOH approval. Nino also suggested presenting the BOH strategic plan to the Board of Commissioners.

2. Strategic Plan Workgroup Formation - Molly Polverento

The workgroups all had an opportunity to meet with ICHD manager overseeing the offices associated with their workgroup's goal. Workgroup #1 (Advocate Policies/Programs to Reduce Preventable Perinatal Deaths)

is talking with Regina Traylor about developing a campaign targeting pregnant women who use tobacco; this would also fit well with Lynne Stauff's background.

Workgroup #2 (Support Efforts to Improve Maternal & Infant Immunization Rates) met with Ruby Rodgers and Wendy Ridenour. Their group discussed the need to determine what is contributing to the current rates and to examine if staffing issues are having any impact on those rates. They would like to inform County Commissioners about the vaccine rates in their district so they can see where they fall within the county; Commissioners could potentially become advocates for increasing vaccine rates. The members of Workgroup #2 recognize that their community connections, as well as the connections of other BOH members, could be a useful tool to increase the visibility and importance of this issue within Ingham County. They will be sending a representative to an upcoming Immunization Coalition planning meeting; Molly Polverento will notify the BOH when the larger Immunization Coalition meeting will be held. Any interested members will be welcome to attend.

Workgroup #3 (Promote Health Literacy Events to Community Connections) met with Sarah Bryant and is discussing the possibility of holding BOH meetings in locations other than the Human Services Building (HSB) and about looking for community/neighborhood organizations to partner with and potentially provide some services to directly at their locations. ICHD staff will be attending the UAW backpack event mentioned under "Announcements" in order to inform attendees of services available to them.

3. Public Health Update - Linda Vail

Linda Vail informed the group that the following week (8/7-8/13) is National Health Center Week. In order to mark the occasion, a "Rock the Block" event will be held at Forest Community Health Center on Thursday, 8/11 from 1pm to 5pm; all BOH members are invited to attend. Linda noted that several ICHD staff members had recently attended and presented at the NACCHO conference in Phoenix. Linda stated that ICHD had recently begun developing a new strategic plan; all staff members would be attending a session where they would have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts. The final plan will be distributed to the BOH but Linda also encouraged BOH members to attend one of the sessions if they had availability. Information on those sessions will be distributed by Molly Polverento. Work continues of the Invest Health Grant. Linda noted that ICHD was in the process of restarting its mobile bus clinic; Sparrow and Dean Transportation will be partnering with ICHD on this. The mobile clinic will offer health screenings, immunizations, and education, as well as referring attendees to other forms of care they may need. Current locations the mobile clinic will be visiting include Baker Donora, Allen Market Place, Edgewood Village Apartments, and Tabernacle of David. Finally, Linda noted that the Well Child office would be relocating to the HSB.

4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update - Joel Murr

Joel Murr stated that the CHIP process continues to progress. A CHIP must be in place for ICHD to attain accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board; ICHD is working with many community partners in order to accomplish this. The next step is for strategic objectives to be developed, along with SMART goals for achieving those objectives.

5. Zika Campaign Update - Joel Murr

Joel Murr noted that ICHD had recently begun a campaign to educate the public about the Zika virus. The campaign includes billboards, radio ads, social media, and movie preview ads.

6. Water Sampling Presentation - Haytham Oueidet (University of Texas Intern)

Haytham Oueidet, a student from the University of Texas has been working with Garry Rowe on a groundwater sampling project throughout Ingham County. The samples being taken are from the same locations that samples were taken from in 1986; they are a mix of private and public property locations. Haytham explained how the samples are gathered and why groundwater sampling is done. Garry and Haytham discussed the possible reasons for some of the small variances noticed between the 1986 data and 2016 data. They noted that there were no major areas of concern; arsenic and nitrates levels have gone down, chloride levels have risen in some areas which Garry explained is likely due to increased road salting in

the winter and water softener waste water discharges. Also, some boron levels in the Williamstown Township area are still above an EPA advisory limit, which may affect pregnant women and certain agricultural crops. Garry also discussed how the differences in bedrock composition from one area to another can affect the makeup of that area's groundwater. Garry and Haytham still have a few areas to test before their study is complete; they will also be working with the Lansing Board of Water and Light to get data from within their service area. Molly Polverento thanked Garry and Haytham for their work and for presenting their findings to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.