

**Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)**  
***Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C***  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

**Minutes**

**ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER:** Derrell Slaughter will work with Debbie Edokpolo to get the letter expressing BOH support for the Raise the Age initiative before the Ingham County Board of Commissioners (BOC).

**In attendance for meeting:** Martha Adams, Jan Bidwell, Carol Callaghan, Denise Chrysler, Joel Murr, Molly Polverento, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Derrell Slaughter, Lynne Stauff, Steph Strickling,

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. The November 2017 minutes were moved for approval by Lynne Stauff and supported by Derrell Slaughter; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**Additions to Agenda:** A discussion of the next BOH meeting was added to the agenda as Item #3.

**Limited Public Comment:** None.

**Announcements:** Garry Rowe stated that the groundwater survey continues to progress; testing in Wheatfield Township was recently completed. He provided some brief updates on the survey and noted that there were now some local high school students working on the project. Those students will be giving a presentation on their findings to Wheatfield Township. Denise Chrysler has been appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the newly created Public Health Advisory Council; she sat on the interim version of this group throughout 2017. She will be advocating on behalf of local public health and encouraged all BOH members to share any concerns with her. Denise noted that they had not had their first meeting yet but she promised to report back new developments to the BOH.

**1. BOH Elections - Molly Polverento**

Molly Polverento stated that Derrell Slaughter had submitted his name for the BOH Chair position in 2018; Lynne Stauff will be continuing on as Vice Chair. Derrell thanked Molly the hard work she undertook while she held the BOH Chairperson position and stated his excitement at taking on a leadership role. Molly moved that the BOH appoint Derrell as Chair and Lynne as Vice Chair; Martha Adams supported and the motion carried.

**2. Strategic Plan Workgroups - Molly Polverento**

Derrell Slaughter stated that his group (#1 Advocate for Policies/Programs to Reduce Preventable Perinatal Deaths) had met with Regina Traylor to discuss areas they could take action in. They plan to look to outside community groups they can provide with information on breastfeeding and safe sleep guidelines. They are also working with Regina on a letter that will be sent to county offices and local pediatric partners which includes this information and encourages them to be supportive of both topics. Molly Polverento's group (#2 Advocate for Changes in Policies Which Create Barriers to STI & HIV/AIDS Screening & Treatment) met with Sarah Bryant who updated them about a grant her division had recently received to focus tobacco cessation efforts on HIV positive individuals. Molly stated that she'd like to have a representative from Lansing Area AIDS Network (LAAN) come in to speak to BOH in the future. Her group will also be keeping an eye out for any new legislation that could harm efforts to get people in for testing. Molly asked the final workgroup (#3 Promote ICHD Adolescent & Adult Vaccination Activities) to touch base with ICHD staff so they can attend the next local immunizations meeting.

**3. January BOH Meeting - Molly Polverento**

Because of the close proximity of the January BOH meeting to the New Year holiday, the group discussed cancelling it and reconvening in February. Jan Bidwell moved to cancel the January 2, 2018 meeting; Derrell Slaughter supported and the motion carried.

#### **4. Draft Resolution to Support Raise the Age Initiative - Derrell Slaughter**

Derrell Slaughter presented the group with a draft resolution and letter of support for the Raise the Age initiative; the group reviewed them. A few typos were noted on the letter, Derrell stated that he would make the necessary changes. He would like to send the updated letter to the BOC, along with a resolution supporting the initiative for them to pass as well. Derrell moved to pass the resolution and send the letter of support to the BOC; Abby Schwartz supported and the motion carried. Derrell asked that any additional language updates for the letter of support be sent to him; once he's finalized the letter, he'll send it to Debbie Edokpolo so it can be put before the BOC.

#### **5. Public Health Update - Joel Murr (ICHD)**

Joel Murr informed the group that ICHD staff were currently tracking a few disease outbreaks within the county; Pertussis in Mason and Hepatitis A throughout the area. He noted that in both cases lots of outreach was being done to inform people of the risk and to prevent any spread. Jan Bidwell asked if volunteers at the Ingham County Jail would be at risk for contracting Hepatitis A and if there were any efforts yet to encourage them to get vaccinated. Joel agreed to look into this issue. Joel noted that ICHD had recently been awarded a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation to support efforts to combat the growing opioid epidemic. ICHD will be developing and running an 18 month pilot program to connect inmates at the Ingham County Jail and their family members to resources for getting/staying in treatment. Part of this will include putting information into the kiosks family members use to contact inmates. A Healthy Capital Counties (HCC) stakeholder meeting was held last week; turnout was excellent. Stakeholders have begun discussing how they will be using the data collected/provided by the program. Molly Polverento noted that the next HCC meeting would be held in February; Joel will send meeting dates with the BOH so anyone who is interested can attend. They will be gathering data for one year. Public Health Accreditation (PHAB) has now officially started, ICHD will have one year to submit all required documentation. Joel stated that ICHD was not awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health prize despite being a finalist; they did receive many points of positive feedback from the organization, along with some slight areas of weakness that can be improved in the future. ICHD would be eligible to reapply in two years. Garry Rowe asked if there were any updates on the Ingham County budget; Joel stated that the budget had been accepted by the BOC. Some reductions were made, primarily through holding open vacant positions. Molly reminded the group that this would be Carol Callaghan's last meeting; the group thanked Carol for her time, dedication, and effort over the years.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.**

**Next Board of Health Meeting:** 12:00 pm on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.