

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH) meeting
Ingham County Health Department – Conference Room C
Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Dr. Maurice Reizen, Nancy Hayward, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Molly Polverento, Denae Friedhiem, Dr. George Rowan, Dr. Dean Sienko, Dr. Renée B. Canady and Debbie Edokpolo

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reizen, December minutes were approved with minor edits.

Additions to agenda – Draft letter from last meeting

Public Comment – None

Update on Medical Marijuana – Dr. Reizen

Molly shared drafts of a brief and sample letter prepared by herself, Sarah Kenney and Amy Moore. They are basically asking for steps to be taken to resolve the three issues in the brief. They identify that the problems are due to under funding to truly implement the program. There is still much concern on the inconsistency on the program and operation. The letter indicates a willingness of BoH to meet with legislature to discuss and/or problem solve on the issues.

There was some discussion on whether pictures should be available of the vendors on the website. At a minimum the pictures should be on the cards as Michigan is the only state with a medical marijuana law that does not require a picture on the id card.

The letter should also indicate that these are only a sampling of problems that are being addressed at this time and there are more. Address letter to Ingham County legislature with a cc to other key committees and offices including the state legislature.

A final draft will be made available for consensus and approval at the February BoH meeting.

Local Board of Health and National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) – Dr. Reizen

Dr. Reizen has done a small amount of research on NALBOH. They are nine years old and only encompass thirteen states. He spoke to NALBOH's E.D. on scheduling a visit, which is tentatively set for the spring of 2011. The group has a lot of power in there in terms of PhD's. They have an office in Washington, DC, but their headquarters is in Bowling Green, OH. Dr. Reizen would like to make the trip with another board member. They have 700+ local boards of health members from the 13 states.

The MALPH, has been difficult to touch base with. Megan ?? is MI's E.D. Our board is one of the few advisory boards vs. regulatory boards in both arenas, local and national. Dr. Reizen would like to have a report prepared.....

Jim Butler has now been contracted to consult with NALBOH and would like our BoH to connect on this project. Jim is the consultant with ICHD for

Questions came as to how Ingham became an advisory, and effectiveness. There was much discussion on this BoH involvement in issues and community concerns. Dr. Rowan will attempt to visit the

Washington DC office during a business trip there and report back. During the March meeting, a decision and firm date will be set on a visit to NALBOH from this board.

Public Health Update – Dr. Dean Sienko

P2 Program – Things are beginning to swing back into action after a brief hiatus due to political road blocks and the holidays. The program has operated for over 20 years on the countys books at no charge, but can no longer continue due to costs. It has been proposed that the costs be split between the community businesses and the county. The ad hoc committee will be receiving a notice to reconvene to update where this proposal is at. Dr. Rowan is a member of the ad hoc and will be in attendance at the meeting which is set for January 13th. The next step from there will be to invite the private businesses around the table to try resolving all issues to bring back to the BOC in February, March the latest.

There was an incident that happened that required ICHD presence and the good thing about this was that it was a prime example of how the 'pit plans' work.

Accreditation – ICHD in the fourth year of maintaining accreditation.

FLU – starting to pick up across the country, widespread across the southeast. CDC is starting to see Influenza B, H3N2 and a different variant of H1N1. The prediction is this might be a worse year for the elderly.

Smoking – Started receiving messages that bars were going to be defiant and allow smoking beginning at midnight on New Years Eve. Ingham County did not see any evidence of this. Some nearby health departments did send messages reminding that it is state law.

BOC – change in composition of members, there are now 12 republicans and 4 democrats. Mark grebner will be the new chair and it will also be his last 2 year term. Todd Tennis will be chair of Human service committee.

New ICHD Position – Jessica Yorke has been hired as the new Environmental Justice Coordinator and will begin January 18th. She will be working on She is a/was a Lansing City Council member, former Director of Mid-MEAC and was instrumental in passing the walkable streets ordinance. Members asked to invite her to a meeting.

Feb 17 Growing are food system conference – Molly shared a flyer.

Molly is president elect of ???

Dr. Reizen thought it was a great idea to let public know that there is a new leadership of boh. Psa sent to four venues that did not pick up/report the information. Nancy indicated she would share this with LCC newspaper. Dr. Canady will try one other venue.

It was moved and supported to adjourn meeting.

Next Board of Health Meeting – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.