

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH) meeting  
Ingham County Health Department – Conference Room C  
Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

**Minutes**

**In attendance for meeting:** Dr. George Rowan, Dr. Maurice Reizen, Nancy Hayward, Molly Polverento, Mark Kieselbach, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Denae Friedhiem, Martha Adams, Dr. Dean Sienko, Dr. Renée B. Canady, Amy Moore, Sarah Kenney, Jim Wilson, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

**The meeting was called to order** by Dr. George Rowan. Dr. Rowan requested a motion to accept November minutes with minor edits. Dr. Nino Rodriguez moved to accept November minutes with minor edits. Dr. Maurice Reizen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously approving November minutes.

**Additions to agenda – P2 Program Update**

**Public Comment – None**

**Election of Officers – Dr. George Rowan**

Ballots of current consideration for officers were shared with members. A call for additional names for the ballot was made. There were none. The chair called for a motion to accept the slate of officers listed on the ballot into the position for which they are candidates. They are Dr. Maurice Reizen for Chair, Nancy Hayward for Chair Pro Tem, and Molly Polverento for Vice Chair.

**Dr. Nino Rodriguez moved to accept the ballot as is and to approve candidates into the positions on the ballot. Martha Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the candidates were voted into office unanimously with their term beginning January 2011.**

Dr. Rodriguez spoke to the group on the officers willingness to serve and the responsibilities involved. There was also an acknowledgement and thanks to outgoing chair Dr. Rowan for his years of service.

**Michigan Prevention Conference (The Impact of Medical Marijuana) – Amy Moore and Sarah Kenney**

There were three major speakers at the conference attended by Amy and Sarah. A small background was given on the smoke free multi unit housing grant along with a brief outline from the conference. Amy and Sarah explained how federal law supersedes the state and local laws for medical marijuana as it is still federally illegal and how HUD property falls under federal law due to the funding source. A packet of information from the conference was shared with the members. The conference was geared towards, “where do you go from here”, as it will be very unlikely that the smoke free law will be overturned due to the percentages of votes passing it.

A 6 month moratorium on licensing medical marijuana store fronts was just passed, with about 60 licenses issued just days before. The state is very far behind in issuing the actual licenses for use. There is also an appalling rate of license approval with there even being an instance of a license being issued to a 5 year old. Currently 80% of approved applicants are issued license under the right side of the certification form which include but are not limited to chronic pain, sever nausea and not on the left side of the certification that was on the ballot which include and is not limited to HIV/AIDS, Cancer, glaucoma, etc.

Other concerns that were reported on are that there is no regulation on the size of the plants only the number of plants which can be produced by a caregiver (a grower/supplier of medical marijuana), which is 12; no statute for those 'caught' Operating Vehicles under the Drug's Influence; no regulation stating where individuals must purchase their supply; no regulation in the THC potency which registers between 6 & 7, which 40 years ago was approximately 1; and no regulation on manufacturing such as pesticide usage and/or additives that can be used. However, colleges and universities do have the right to ban the use on campus regardless of license.

Wyoming Michigan's city council just passed an ordinance stating it is illegal to smoke medical marijuana within the city limits. Ingham County has seen an increase in crime associated with the growing and/or production of medical marijuana resulting in more home invasions and robberies at caregiver locations. There has also been a homicide attributed to the production. Dr. Rowan shared the results of Proposition 19 on the California ballot which was defeated 54 to 46.

The biggest recognized problem is currently there is not a statewide uniform code regulating medical marijuana production and use. Until this happens there will continue to be problems. The conference highlighted several areas that should be current targets for 'fixing' which are two add pictures to the ids, regulating zoning for caregivers, not issuing license to individuals who have had felony convictions in any area not just drugs, no issuance of cards to minors and form MDCH to catch up with application processing.

Dr. Reizen would like to have a letter drafted to the legislature from the BoH requesting the aforementioned target fix areas be addressed. Molly Polverento will work with the presenters, Amy and Sarah, to draft such a letter which will also include a focus on the rule side of the law for review at the January meeting.

#### **Report on ICHD Tour – Dr. Reizen**

Dr. Nigel Paneth prepared a written summary of the tour taken by himself and Dr. Reizen. They toured Communicable Disease Control, Immunizations and HIV/Sexually Transmitted Disease clinics. Dr. Reizen in the interest of time referred everyone to the brief.

#### **Public Health Update – Dr. Dean Sienko**

**P2 Program** – Businesses that hold chemical substances of a certain quantity are given guidance on how to store, clean up and have release plans of those chemicals. They are asking the business to share the cost of what was previously free. There are companies and businesses that are opposing the fee regulation. They (Ingham County) are working to find common ground with these opponents to try to get the program fee passed to avoid possibly having to shut down the program as the County cannot continue to operate the program out of the general funds.

An ad-hoc committee will continue to work on this. The program is really necessary for first responders to know what the dangers are beforehand should there be a fire or emergency situation. The program is also to protect the ground water by educating the companies on how to properly handle these materials in advance and what to do again, in case of an emergency/spill.

**Smoke- Free Air Law** – Restaurants are saying they are having their business hurt by the smoke free law. However, there is not enough substantial evidence available at this time to support this claim. This will be an area that will continue to be monitored.

**CAHA Annual Meeting** – Dr. Sienko to speak on health care reform at the annual meeting.

**County Furlough** – The County will be closing various offices/departments for three days between Christmas and New Years. All ICHD clinics will be open as well as a few other offices within ICHD.

**It was moved and supported to adjourn meeting.**

**Next Board of Health Meeting** – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.