

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH) meeting
Ingham County Health Department – Conference Room C
Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Dr. Maurice Reizen, Molly Polverento, Denae Friedheim, Martha Adams, Nancy Hayward, Dr. Christina Dokter, Mark Kieselbach, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Dr. George Rowan, Amy Moore, Sarah Kenney, Dr. Renée Canady, Dr. Dean Sienko, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Maurice Reizen. Dr. George Rowan moved to accept the February minutes as presented. Dr. Nigel Paneth seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Additions to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

New Board Member/Christina Dokter, Ph.D. – Dr. Maurice Reizen

Dr. Reizen introduced everyone to the newest member of the BoH, Dr. Christina Dokter. All present, introduced themselves along with their affiliations.

Dr. Dokter is a Curriculum Specialist in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at MSU. She decided she wanted to become more active in the community and felt serving on this board would accomplish this. On a personal note she is married and the mother of three teenage boys.

Dr. Reizen would like to get Dr. Dokter involved in board activities and feels she could become involved with the BoH webpage. He is asking that Nancy Hayward, the member in charge of the webpage, to connect with her on this project.

National Children's Study – Dr. Nigel Paneth

This is a study that was voted to be undertaken by congress in 2000 with the focus on effects of environmental chemicals on child health. In 2007-08 congress allocated funds for this to happen. There will be 100,000 children/pregnant women/families enrolled in the study with 105 locations chosen. Michigan has five counties in the study who decided to work collaboratively on the project and have been meeting for several years. The counties are Wayne, Lenawee, Grand Traverse, Genesee and Macomb, which are being added in stages.

The participants will be followed from birth to age 21 as long as funding is sustained. Very in depth samplings will be taken which includes and is not limited to biological, environmental, blood, soil, air, breast milk, urine, etc. The initial assessment/intake of participants takes at least 3 ½ hours. Recruitment has been divided into categories, Wayne County is being recruited by addresses/neighborhoods, and others are from physicians.

The congressional funding must be approved annually. Dr. Paneth will be contacted from time to time for updates on this study. Dr. Canady would like to have Jessica Yorke the new EH Justice Coordinator to meet with Dr. Paneth on this topic. Dr. Rowan wrote an article that will be featured in the Michigan Bulletin about the study.

NALBOH Update – Dr. George Rowan

Dr. Rowan during trip to Washington met with Yolanda Savage at their office. He completed a survey that he will share with chair and support staff to make copies to distribute. The survey can be edited so members are asked for input prior to next months meeting. Tim Tegee in Bowling Green invited us to attend the Ned Baker speaking series on March 31st. Yolanda and Tim have offered their services to assist this board in becoming more involved nationally.

They offered to try and get best practices from others to share with us on the marijuana issue.

During any visits he has to DC he will make it a practice to stop in for updates and to remain on the forefront.

Renee is working with a consultant, Jim Butler from NALBOH; they are looking at a community guide which encourages the use of best practices. Debbie will send out information on this along with a summary of the project. The project must be concluded by the end of May. Jim will come in April for a short presentation to BoH and then again in May to assist in prioritizing.

Dr. Reizen would like to see ICHD BoH participate in a national push to get more states and counties involved.

Marijuana Update – Amy Moore, Molly Polverento and Sarah Kenney

They shared a copy of the revised letter to legislature and policy makers. They are asking that all comments/edits be submitted by end of March for April meeting approval. There is a list of possible audiences to send to that is also up for approval and/or additions. Once letter sent, the next discussion point will be what type of follow up will be needed and when.

Marijuana Update – Dr. Reizen

Found two troubling areas, medical marijuana term and the legislation being passed at the state level. There is no such thing as MEDICAL marijuana; there is no difference from what is found on the streets. There is no medical cocaine, medical hashish.

Met with three colleagues from the Michigan State Medical Society to discuss the issues for which he read a prepared statement on his findings/discussion. Dr. Reizen is now on the committee to do something about this should it come up.

He also spoke on the financial aspects of this as well and will try to find if there is any other drug that is equally equivalent for pain management. And what are the long term effects of marijuana.

Public Health Update

P2 Update – BOC Human Svc Committee passed this on a 4-2 vote. It will allow ICHD EH to continue the program and to pass partial costs onto the business community. The Adams Plating incident was used to drive home the need for this program to continue. It is also supported by 1st responders, fire departments and environmental groups, those opposed are Granger, Demmer and other businesses that store large quantities of hazardous chemicals.

Assessment, assurance and protection of 1st responders and the community at large is what this program is all about. It now goes to the full BOC for vote next Tuesday.

Infant Mortality and Obesity – It is expected that these two matters be pushed into the other direction. Olga Dazzo wants a summit pulled together to address these issues for immediate and positive change. This is a topic that is at the forefront of the States agenda.

Budget – State budget came out, Essential Health Services took a huge hit of funding reduction. This is a proposed budget, which includes reduction of revenue sharing to the counties. Some say that once this gets to the legislature that they will make even more cuts. Medicaid got through fairly unscathed in the governors budget, but could still take hits in programming in the legislature such as say adult dental coverage. They are going after prevention dollars first then FQHC's funding.

BoH can attend BOC meetings to advocate for the public health services provided by ICHD.

Funding ended March 31st officially, but an extension was received through May 31st.

Other items

Good Food Charter – Randy Bell last year invited the BoH to become involved with the Good Food Charter and Dr. Rowan shared an update handout.

It was moved and supported to adjourn meeting.

Next Board of Health Meeting – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.