

Ingham County Board of Health (BoH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Molly Polverento, Martha Adams, Dr. Maurice Reizen, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Mark Kieselbach, Garry Rowe, Dr. Christina Dokter, Dr. Renée Canady, Dr. Sugandha Lowhim, Jim Wilson, Nancy Hayward, Amy Moore, Rich Estill, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Dr. Maurice Reizen moved to accept minutes from February with edit to other discussions by adding Denise Chrysler to NALBOH submission. Martha Adams seconded motion. February minutes approved.

Announcements: None

Additions to agenda: None

Public comment: None

Youth Marijuana Use Tri-County Summit – Amy Moore and Dr. Reizen

A summit was held during the Fall 2012 in Dearborn that Dr. Reizen and Amy attended. From this summit it was proposed that a summit be held locally for our local tri-county area. It will be held on April 22nd (flyer shared). The targeted audiences are school personnel and human services workers and those who work with youth. There was an in-service training on how human services workers are to handle contact with clients who have medical marijuana license. The goal was to raise awareness of the safety aspects in regards to it being around children of those allowed to have it.

An in school survey was put together and distributed to kids and now there is data on what kids point of view and thoughts/perception of medical marijuana. The indicator that was of concern was the perception of harm was going down and ease of access has gone up. As a result the drug coalitions will focus only on youth and the effects of use, not whether it is a good or bad law. The outcome they are looking to achieve is to limit access to youth in the community.

There were questions on where is the money that is being generated from the licenses fees into the community for education and prevention or into the states general fund. Unfortunately, it has not been earmarked and to date there is no current data as to exactly where the monies generated are going to, which was recently, reported around two million dollars this past year.

The Lansing School District has a SPLASH grant which would be a good access to introduce this/drug prevention methods. Dr. Lowhim spoke about an article in the New England Medical Journal regarding pros and cons of medical marijuana, which she will share via e-mail.

Dr. Reizen made a motion to have the BoH to be a sponsor of the Summit. Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion with a request to have letter from BoH to Ingham County School Superintendents and/or Principals to encourage participation. Motion passed unanimously.

BoH Priority Areas – Next Steps

Speakers will now be identified to come and speak to members to help them move their areas of focus forward. With this the groups will rotate presentations and reporting. April will be Infant Mortality.

BoH Webpage Update – Garry Rowe

An article was submitted and posted on the site regarding ground water quality for the tri-county area from Garry with help from BWL and State office. He will continue to monitor the site for any additional items that should be added to the site. An electronic copy of the posted ground water article will be shared by e-mail. Next months webpage monitor designee is Molly.

Public Health Update – Dr. Renée Canady

- There is about 7.1 million dollars in grants that are vulnerable to the sequestration currently underway in Washington DC. ICHD will be monitoring the situation closely as it could affect about 20% of ICHD budget
- 1/4 million dollar grant received by RWJ to expand health impact assessment in our region
- ICHDs Health & Wellness Committee is looking to focus some of its work and feels this would be a good opportunity to collaborate with BoH Priority Areas and also work in conjunction with CAHAs Choosing Health and their toolkit. This will be a wellness campaign and so a formal resolution from ICHD will be submitted to Board of Commissioners to adopt this
- ICHD is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year with events/celebrations in the works
- Meth Labs are still on the rise with data being charted. There recently was an explosion in Lansing of a suspected meth lab where an individual was badly burned. There is a noticeable trend of a decrease and/or no activity during the months of February and March

Other discussions

Jim Wilson reported that Delta Twp is expanding their municipal public water and sewer system and that BoH member Mark Kieselbach was and is a vital partner in the endeavor. Environmental Health will be giving a presentation on history of the areas that don't have a system in place at a future meeting.

The Power of We Consortium will be invited to a future meeting to update on their work.

BoH members will continue to work on coordinating an out county meeting to get the community more involved.

Meeting adjourned,

Next Board of Health meeting – 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2013 in Conference Room C at the **Ingham County Health Department** located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing