

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH) meeting
Ingham county Health Department – Conference Room C
Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Dr. Maurice Reizen, Dr. Christina Dokter, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Denae Friedheim, Molly Polverento, Mark Kieselbach, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Dr. George Rowan, Dr. Dean Sienko, Dr. Renée B. Canady, Dr. Jim Butler, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reizen. The minutes were accepted with a few minor edits from Dr. Paneth.

Additions to agenda – None

Public Comment – None

NALBOH Community Guide Presentation – Dr. Jim Butler

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Dr. Butler based on the book Community Preventive Services. The guide is a pilot that is being tested in four states, which includes Michigan and five of its local health departments. Ingham County Health Department is one of the pilot local health departments. Dr. Butler asked that the group complete a pre-evaluation survey prior to the presentation and there will be a post-evaluation survey at the end of the presentation.

He went over a brief outline, gave a definition of what Evidence-Based Public Health is and highlighted some useful evidence-based tools. The task force that has been formulating the recommendations has been meeting since 2000 and so far has identified over 217. Those involved in the process are the task force, official liaisons of federal agency and organizations, individual review teams and intended users.

Dr. Butler briefly went to the community guide, found at www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html. He highlighted the 18 topics listed at the site and discussed other topics/findings on the home page and best ways to navigate through.

There was some discussion on the topics listed, and how or who makes the decision on where the focus goes. An example is that heart disease and developmental delays/disabilities are not listed. Dr. Butler will take this into consideration and most importantly back to the task force for further consideration.

Update NALBOH Meeting – Dr. George Rowan

Dr. Rowan met with the NALBOH board on March 31st and April 1st. Representatives from Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Georgia, Maine and Michigan, to name a few, attended the meeting. There were representatives there from NACCHO as well. Multiple strategies on how to deal with difficult people were presented. A question that came up was whether there would be representation at the national convention in Idaho in September. They are asking that we report on some activities currently being undertaken.

Proposal for a Statewide Conference on Marijuana – Dr. Maurice Reizen

Dr. Reizen has met with a large number of individuals and entities in regards to the medical marijuana issues that have arisen. He is requesting permission of the board to pursue the convening of a conference on the topic to standardize the laws on medical marijuana instead of being regulated by the individual townships. MAPPP has donated funds towards the convening of the conference.

Dr. Rodriguez moved to support moving forward with pulling together a conference. The motion was seconded by Dr. Paneth. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Reizen will continue working on pulling this together and will update the board regularly.

Molly Polverento gave an update on the “Marijuana” letter to the legislature that was prepared. It is on hold due to some changes in where the governance of the medical marijuana program will be handled. She will update by next month the status of the letter and where and when it will be sent out.

Suggested Goals for 2011 Results – Dr. Maurice Reizen

Dr. Reizen charged that Mark Kieselbach and Martha Adams work on this and come prepared to next meeting to report. Mark will contact Martha, who was unable to attend today’s meeting, about the assignment.

Public Health Update – Dr. Dean Sienko

ICHD Accreditation – 184 indicators were reviewed of which ICHD passed 182. There were two areas needing corrective action plans submitted to receive final accreditation. Of the 182 indicators that passed 54 were cited for special recognition. The comment was that ICHD is what a public health department should be and the accreditation team wished all were modeled like ICHD. Dr. Rowan requested information on ICHDs accreditation be submitted to the NALBOH Newsbrief.

House Calls – recognized as one of the best practices through NACCHO. Dr. Paneth requested information on this program for a committee he serves on that gives recognition as well.

RWJ Health Rankings – There was a press release on the rankings.

Federal Budget – The Federal budget has the potential to impact ICHD in a variety of ways, most significant is the Fully Qualified Health Center’s (FQHC). The stimulus program is under fire for substantial cuts causing ICHDs FQHC status to be in jeopardy which means no longer eligible for grants. Grant funding has been a major part of funding for ICHD as a FQHC. Federally is not the only hit ICHD is taking, there are major cuts coming from the State, County and Local.

Dr. Reizen encouraged board members to send letters to legislatures individually to support ICHDs FQHC status. Dr. Sienko volunteered to provide some talking points to put in letters should anyone be interested.

Announcement/Other discussion

Wednesday, April 13 is the annual statewide Hometown Health Heroes celebration which is being held in the Capitol Rotunda. Molly Polverento requested a recognition resolution be prepared for further recognition of local honorees Mike & Elaine Nevells and Lynne Page – Parents and child safety advocates, who advocated and succeeded in getting the speed limit reduced near the Okemos high school.

It was moved and supported to adjourn meeting.

Next Board of Health Meeting – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.