

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH) meeting
Ingham County Health Department – Conference Room C
Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Dr. Maurice Reizen, Denae Friedheim, Mark Kieselbach, Martha Adams, Nancy Hayward, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Dr. Dean Sienko, Jessica Yorko, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reizen. Minutes reviewed and accepted as printed.

Additions to agenda – Agenda ordered changed, Environmental Justice moved to first item.

Public Comment – None

Environmental Justice – Jessica Yorko

Jessica shared a handout that briefly outlined and described what the program is. The program works to build and compliment what the Health Department does. The program has been awarded a grant to look at extreme heat conditions from MDCH. They have submitted another proposal to EPA to build capacity to reduce children’s exposure to environmental hazards; they got through the first round and are now in the second round of consideration for funding.

Next steps are to bring people in the community together to talk about what environmental issues are the current concerns.

Update Meridian Township Marijuana Ordinance – Nancy Hayward

Nancy reported that township residents were successfully in obtaining enough signatures on a rezoning petition. The petition was to have a physician who planned to open a facility that could be used as a possible marijuana dispensary rezoned. The rezoning issue will placed on the next ballot.

Marijuana Update – Dr. Reizen

State medical society has not done enough because their users were bypassed. Dr. Reizen will be meeting again with the state medical society on what was said. He regrets that there will not be a statewide assembly to look at the marijuana law as there is not one group who is able to take the lead, and a lack of funding. There must be a change to the administrative law, which will be along fight. Dr. Reizen is requesting the draft letter to legislatures be finalized by Molly and brought to the next meeting. The letter is to be sent to all legislatures in Ingham County.

Desired Accomplishments for 2011 – Martha Adams & Mark Kieselbach

It was suggested that the BoH, as a group, meet at different community centers or organizations. By meeting at various locations, the board would show a sense of community. This would also allow the community to be able to address the board on different issues and concerns. Board members feel this is doable and nominations will be sent to Debbie. After some discussion several things were decided:

- Allen Neighborhood Center would be a good place to start as a community meeting locale
- Meeting at different locales may require meeting date and time changes
- Advertisement of meeting could be done in community news or organizations newsletter
- An overview of the BoH to formally add agenda items that are of interest to that particular community agency hosting the meeting or the surrounding community will be considered

Another desired accomplishment would be for the board to revisit and act on access to healthy food. This should be done by looking at the food plan related to obesity and access to healthy foods promoted by first lady, Michelle Obama.

Public Health Update – Dr. Dean Sienko

Financial Situation – There are budget pressures at ICHD. We need to help communicate to those in key positions the impact of budget cuts on services and programs.

Federal Level

- ICHD's FQHC status will be continued
- ICHD is looking at a five year extension
- There are \$900,000 additional revenue dollars available with FQHC status.

State Level

- Looking at a reduction in local public health money
- Possible elimination of Healthy Michigan funds
- Reduction in revenue sharing

County Level

- Overall they are looking at 5% reduction from large county departments
- Looking to preserve services
- 10% cut will be challenging

Dr. Reizen suggested that a letter be sent to Senator, Gretchen Whitmer to ask that state leave local health department funding intact and to oppose elimination of Healthy Michigan Funds that fund pregnancy prevention services.

Stockbridge Gas Leak – there was a feed in the line. EH staff and drain commissioner involved. No immediate threat to ground water. It is important that ground water is protected. To put infrastructure in place staff will be needed.

Other Discussions

Agenda Items for Next BoH meeting – An update from Dr. Rowan on NALBOH and Dr. Dokter's newsletter mock up

ICHD Clinic visits – All board members, with the exception of newest member Dr. Dokter, have visited and reported on their clinic visits.

Melany Mack Retirement – it was requested a card be sent from the board congratulating her on her retirement from ICHD. Melany was a former ICHD liaison to the board. Debbie Edokpolo will send card.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board of Health meeting – 12:0 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2011 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.