

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH) meeting  
Ingham County Health Department – Conference Room C  
Tuesday, June 7, 2011**

**Minutes**

**In attendance for meeting:** Dr. Maurice Reizen, Dr. Christina Dokter, Molly Polverento, Mark Kieselbach, Dr. George Rowan, Martha Adams, Nancy Hayward, Dr. Dean Sienko, Dr. Renee B. Canady, Jim Wilson, Rich Estill, Rona Harris, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reizen. The minutes were moved for approval by Dr. Rowan and seconded by Molly Polverento to accept as printed.

**Additions to agenda** – NALBOH Update by Dr. George Rowan

**Public comment** – None

**Medical Marijuana and Zoning – Mark Kieselbach**

There are a couple of things in general, the state act didn't direct land use for zoning of facilities. They fall into three categories, home based, commercial and growth facilities. Communities have adopted different ordinances that have been challenged in court and receiving different rulings. Interpretation of the act is the problem. Meridian township chose not adopt a moratorium, or to make an ordinance or to revoke the zoning. The rezoning will go on the ballot in general election in August 2012. What will be the issue is, will that space be allowed for use of office space or not, not on the marijuana issue.

**Marijuana Update – Dr. Maurice Reizen**

Dr. Reizen read a prepared statement giving his opinion on the use of 'medical' marijuana, its statement that it (marijuana) is medicinal and also the laws surrounding it.

Wayne County is hosting a medical marijuana meeting on June 17th and the BoH is invited. Molly Polverento's husband works for medical examiner there and provided a copy of the meeting agenda.

**Update on site for BoH Meeting in the Community – Debbie Edokpolo**

It was suggested at previous meetings for BoH to begin meeting in the community. Allen Neighborhood Center (ANC) was chosen as the first site. Joan Nelson, Executive Director, welcomes the idea and has offered use of the Green House which is available in August, September and October during BoH's regular meeting time.

After some discussion, it was suggested that the first community meeting be held there in the fall. This will provide an opportunity to prepare an agenda that can include community involvement.

**Dr. Rowan moved that the first meeting be held in October. Dr. Dokter seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Advertisement will be made in ANC community news and LSJ. Some agenda topics could include Flu information and possible vaccinations.

**BoH Website Update – Nancy Hayward, Dr. Christina Dokter & Rich Estill**

Membership list and roles have been updated, minutes and agendas have been included beginning with 2011. There is an idea to have a link to hot issues. There is an active link to the Governor's website regarding their position and information on current hot topic marijuana. It was discussed that the Board needs to have their stand on marijuana publicized on the site.

A social networking tool, like Facebook®, may need to be set up. Time was discussed as to what is needed to manage such a tool and what should be included. Rich Estill and Rona Harris are able to provide some very limited support. A draft of goals and suggestions for setting up a Facebook® page will be prepared by Dr. Dokter and Nancy. I

It was decided the website will be the primary focus at this time. The time commitment required to maintain a social networking sight is large. Should the Board decide to set up a page it may be necessary to set up a rotating schedule of a staff person and board member on a monthly basis to maintain it.

#### **NALBOH Update – Dr. George Rowan**

NALBOH has its upcoming conference in September in Idaho. There are board openings on the national level. Ned Baker, NALBOH founder, stays in touch with Dr. Rowan with encouragement of their assistance being available and wanting to be involved with this board. Dr. Reizen will speak to Molly in her new role to see if she might be interested in attempting to convene a statewide meeting of local boards of health.

#### **Letter to BOC requesting audience at July meeting – Dr. Reizen**

Dr. Reizen expressed his desire to meet with the BOC at their upcoming July meeting to report on current position regarding marijuana. Discussion is to find the legal standing of the county, i.e. is there or isn't there on regulating, zoning, etc. Debbie will contact Tim Perrone on the County's abilities to act. The purpose of the meeting with BOC will be to inform and determine what is expected.

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

**ICHD FQHC grant/status** – is more than likely to be renewed for five years. There are talks right now to try to assist community centers by folding them into ICHD's status.

**State level** – state cut LPO by 5% which is about \$65,000. The Healthy Michigan Fund was cut in half, down to \$10 million with further cuts anticipated down to \$5 million.

**ICHD cost of doing business** – costs are up, salaries are remaining flat. Reduction budget scenarios of 5 & 10% have been submitted to the controllers' office which will be up for discussion towards the end of June.

#### **Other items for discussion**

**NAACHO Annual Conference** – ICHD's Tobacco Cessation program is receiving award for best practice. Dr. Canady and Public Health Nurse, Tiffany Doolittle will be attending the conference and presenting the cessation program.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Rowan and seconded by Dr. Reizen.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Next Board of Health meeting – 12:0 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 in Conference Room C** at the Ingham County Health Department. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.