

**Ingham County Board of Health (BoH) meeting
Ingham County Health Department – Atrium Conference Room
Tuesday, August 16, 2011**

Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reizen. The minutes from the last meeting, June 7, 2011, were reviewed and hearing no comment for correction stand as submitted.

Additions to agenda – None, but agenda order to be changed

Public comment – None

NALBOH – Dr. Rowan

At this point in time they are looking for more board members. The survey is not moving forward at this point as the current focus of NALBOH is their upcoming annual conference in Idaho this fall. There are possible scholarships available for attendance to the conference should there be a member interested and available in going.

There was an invitation to attend a NALBOH meeting in Ohio that Dr. Reizen submitted regrets to.

Marijuana and the County Commissioners – Dr. Reizen and Dr. Rowan

Dr. Rowan spoke with Joe Reynolds from East Lansing/Meridian Township, who want to know what the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is doing on the topic and what their stance is. East Lansing is in process of wrestling with the issues of which a synopsis was shared from their meetings. Dr. Rowan suggests that the board have Joe Reynolds attend a meeting to explain what's going on in Meridian Township, as the synopsis shared at the meeting was a small portion of a 140 plus page report.

Since the October meeting will be held on the east side, near Michigan Ave which is a hub for the marijuana dispensaries, it would be a good opportunity to discuss and participate in a marijuana discussion. This meeting should be publicized in the Lansing State Journal's meeting and community events section's at least a week prior to the meeting. The Allen Neighborhood Center newsletter should also be an additional source of advertisement.

There is an entire package of bills that have been presented to the house to attempt to tighten up the legislation on marijuana. Senator Rick Jones is pushing the issue and Molly Polverento has volunteered to connect with his office. The Ingham County Attorney's office attempted and failed to pull the community together to try to uniform the legislation changes. Tim Perrone will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the legal stand point.

The BoH needs to come up with a summary of their stance based on a review of the communities' stands. Ultimately the board must make a stand and publicize it. A list of issues should be determined which should be geared to the health of the community. A small subgroup should be convened to determine talking points. Also a change in venue may be necessary for the October meeting as the topic needs to be at a neutral location.

Molly Polverento made a motion to change the October 4th meeting away from ANC Hunter House to another eastside location, such as Foster community in order to discuss the marijuana topic without possible bias. And to conduct a future meeting in early 2012 with ANC as host. Denae Friedheim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BoH Meeting at Hunter Park Garden House – Dr. Reizen

This agenda item was discussed during Marijuana section of agenda. It was decided to defer use of this host site until early 2012.

Appreciation – Dr. Reizen

Dr. Reizen would like to do something unique for Dr. Sienko's retirement/departure. Dr. Reizen suggested a new model car. Dr. Reizen orally submitted a tribute he felt would verbalize the boards' sentiments and appreciation that will be printed for presentation and gift. There was some discussion on additions to the letter, particularly addressing his leadership within ICHD, the community and the country with his military service. Dr. Reizen will amend the letter.

Dr. Sienko has accepted a position with MSU in the Department of Human Services as an Associate Dean in Family Medicine.

Meridian Township Marijuana Zoning Ordinance – Mark Keiselbach

The planning commission held a public meeting, about 20 people attended with half speaking on the topic. The ordinance was attended to address the issue of dispensaries in zoning. It would moderate when and where to open, grow and use. It is back at the planning commissions' office for recommendations to the township board for final decisions.

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

Next Board of Health meeting – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.