

Ingham County Board of Health (BoH)
Ingham County Health Department (IChD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Martha Adams, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Denise Chrysler, Dr. Christina Dokter, Mark Kieselbach, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Garry Rowe, Dr. Sugandha Lowhim, Nancy Hayward, Jim Wilson, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn. BoH Members absent who requested to be excused: Denae Friedheim, Molly Polverento and Dr. Maurice Reizen

The meeting was called to order by Martha Adams, Chairperson Pro Tem who called for review of August minutes, any corrections and for motion to approve. **Dr. Nino Rodriguez moved to accept minutes with minor correction at end of minutes regarding date of next meeting. Denise Chrysler seconded the motion. Minutes approved.**

Announcements: None

Additions to agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Michigan Tobacco Tax Increase Resolution

BoH Community Meeting Update

These items tabled as Chairperson, Molly Polverento has the information and was unable to attend the meeting to present and update.

BoH Webpage Update

Denae Friedheim is designated to monitor the webpage for September so please submit ideas to her. Rich Estill and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn can also be contacted to get things posted to the site. Rich will look into who is actually visiting the site by checking some demographics and reporting back to members and a future meeting.

Medicaid Expansion Update

It has been passed by the Senate and it will now go to the House. More information will come as it progresses through.

Public Health Update – Nancy Hayward

Budget Hearings – IChD had its hearings with Controllers and has accepted/agreed on recommendations for the next fiscal year budget.

Medicaid Eligibility Changes – There are changes that will open enrollment to more people due to shift in income levels and criteria.

Food Bank – The call center is currently being transitioned out of ICHD and into the community and so the operations will be taken on by the Salvation Army on October 1st. A press conference will be held on September 30th at 10am at the Salvation Army. There will be a new phone number for the call center and the old number will give new number along with a press 1 option to be connected at no charge.

Cedar Pointe Complex – There was a recent rain storm that caused some flooding and water damage. Staff have been relocated to the HSB building and other sites to continue operations. It is hoped that the building clean up and necessary health inspections will be completed to get staff back to their location.

FLU – Vaccine supply for ICHD has been approved and accepted by Dr. Sugandha Lowhim and will be available to the public for the beginning of flu season. ICHD employees will be offered first doses and then announcements will go out for the annual flu season clinics in October. BoH members can receive, should they want them, vaccine at the October meeting. There are two available types of vaccine and ICHD will put out a statement to as to differences so the public is informed and not confused.

BIRCH Center – The new health center is up and running and had a very successful and well attended open house celebration.

NFP Anniversary – A 1yr anniversary celebration was held at Potter Park Zoo and was well attended.

Bat Rabies – So far, five (5) bats have been caught, tested and confirmed positive for rabies in Ingham County. Communicable Disease will continue updating as this is the season for bat reports. The community is encouraged to catch any bats found inside their homes for testing.

Pertusis – There is still an ongoing threat. Immunization protocol for pregnant women has changed, it is suggested to get shots for every pregnancy between 27-37weeks gestation.

Other discussions: None

Dr. Nino Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr Nigel Paneth seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board of Health meeting – 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2013 in Conference Room C at the **Ingham County Health Department** located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing