

Ingham County Board of Health (BoH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Minutes

In attendance for meeting (Roll called by chair): Molly Polverento, Martha Adams, Dr. Maurice Reizen, Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Denae Friedheim, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Dr. Sugandha Lowhim, Nancy Hayward, Jim Wilson, Rich Estill, Debbie Edokpolo and Wendy Duke-Littlejohn

The meeting was called to order by chair Molly Polverento who called for review and approval of minutes from last month's meeting. **Dr. Nino Rodriguez moved to accept minutes. Denae Friedheim seconded the motion. Minutes approved.**

Additions to agenda: School Health Clinic Update to be added and discussed before Webpage update
Public comment: None

Announcements: None

BoH Membership – Dr. Maurice Reizen

Dr. George Rowan has been unable to attend board meetings since February 2012 due to onset of a sudden illness. It has been determined that he will not be able to attend in the near future due to his health. Based on this, it has been decided that in the best interest of the board Dr. Rowan's official membership as a board member be vacated and he bestowed as honorary. Dr. Reizen submitted a proposal for resolution to confer on Dr. George Rowan an honorary membership to the Ingham County Board of Health.

Molly Polverento made a motion to implement the proposal and resolution for honorary membership. Dr. Nigel Paneth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Nomination and Election – Molly Polverento

This agenda item is tabled to allow self nominated candidate Dr. Christina Dokter an opportunity to be present for vote and any Q&A should there be some. This will also allow last chance for others to express and submit their interest in the position.

School Health Clinic Update – Dr. Nino Rodriguez

The Otto Clinic has closed as school based clinic and now will be a Community-based Clinic. The Eastern High School Clinic will be located in the center of the school building and will be available to serve over 1500 students. Sexton High Schools Clinic will be serving over 900 students. The school and community will need to work together to improve health and the health behaviors in the community, not just to provide basic health needs for students. There needs to be more collaboration to promote health in the community. The clinics need to partner with the nutrition/food services and physical education/athletics departments in the school. Dr. Rodriguez as board member and Lansing School Board member will begin/continue to look into these partnerships and report back as needed.

BoH Webpage – Molly Polverento

Sign up sheet was redistributed for additional signatures. September and October will be handled by Molly and Mark Kieselbach respectively. Rich Estill, ICHD webpage liaison passed out business cards for contact for each member when it is their turn to monitor webpage. The priority focus areas will be added to the webpage. Any additional ideas should be vetted through Molly for submission to Rich.

Priority Focus Areas – Molly Polverento

The final document was re-distributed along with the sign up sheet for members to work on a specific area. The groups will work among themselves to determine meeting times, the drill down of where to start and who will be lead, if necessary. The groups will report back after meeting among themselves during the October or November meeting.

Public Health Update – Nancy Hayward & Debbie Edokpolo

Finance – Controller is requesting elimination of 18 positions of which ICHD will be fighting the elimination request. Dr. Canady will presenting ICHD's proposed budget at Board of Commissioners Finance Committee meeting being held the evening of September 4th.

West Nile Virus – As of end of August a total of 112 cases were reported in Michigan resulting in five deaths, with four reported cases in Ingham County. The ICHD website does have tips on how to minimize chances of getting it.

H3N2 (SwineFlu) – Washtenaw reported 1st case in Michigan, no others reported. The contamination of the affected person happened at Ingham county fair through a specific exposure to pigs being presented during the fair.

Other discussions:

Motorcycle Helmets – Dr. Nino Rodriguez

Now that there is an option for motorcyclist to not wear helmets, the mortality rate has increased as well as the severity of injuries during those accidents. Organ donations however have increased in states where there is death as result of these increased deaths. MDCH has been asked to track the rate/data to see the results/affect of new law. Molly Polverento will contact MDCH to see if they have a specific tracking mechanism of deaths and or serious injuries.

Flu Shots – Dr. Maurice Reizen

Dr. Reizen requested that Board members have their flu shots and have it media broadcasted if at all possible. Immunizations will be notified to honor request for October meeting as well as the media via Debbie Edokpolo.

Healthy! Capital Counties

An invitation flyer was shared for a planning session to select strategies to address priority health issues in the community. The event is planned for September 6th at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board of Health meeting – 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in Conference Room C at the **Ingham County Health Department** located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing