

**Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)**  
***Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C***  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

**Minutes**

**ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL:** Lynne Stauff will send information on the Tobacco Free Michigan Annual Conference in May to Steph Strickling for distribution to the BOH. Linda Vail will send information on the mobile health center site visits to Steph for distribution to the BOH. Linda Vail will send the press release regarding the Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Prize finalists to Steph for distribution to the BOH.

**In attendance for meeting:** Martha Adams, Carol Callaghan, Denise Chrysler, Debbie Edokpolo, Trisha Kopulos, Sugandha Lowhim, Joel Murr, Molly Polverento, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Derrell Slaughter, Lynne Stauff, Steph Strickling, Linda Vail

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the February 2017 minutes. The February 2017 minutes were moved for approval by Lynne Stauff and supported by Derrell Slaughter; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**Additions to Agenda:** An update on the Public Health Commission from Denise Chrysler was added to the agenda as Item #3.

**Limited Public Comment:** None.

**Announcements:** Lynne Stauff noted that Tobacco Free Michigan would be having their annual conference May 1 & 2 in Traverse City. She will send a link to Steph Strickling for distribution to the BOH. Derrell Slaughter stated that he had met with Senator Stabenow's health policy assistant recently but at this time, they are still waiting for information on any impending changes to the Affordable Care Act.

**1. Changes to BOH Membership - Molly Polverento**

Molly Polverento notified the group that due to Christina Dokter's relocation, she resigned earlier this month to open up her seat for a new member. Two new members have been appointed by the Board of Commissioners; Jane Bidwell and Abbie Schwartz should be attending next month's meeting. This will bring the BOH up to fully membership. Since Christina served as the Vice Chairperson, a leadership vote will need to be taken at next month's meeting. Molly asked anyone interested in serving in a leadership role to notify Steph Strickling. Workgroups will also be reconfigured at an upcoming meeting to reflect the membership changes. Molly stated that she would draft a thank you letter to Christina on behalf of the BOH.

**2. Updates on Strategic Plan Workgroups - Molly Polverento**

Derrell Slaughter stated that his workgroup (Group #1, Advocate for Policies/Programs to Reduce Preventable Perinatal Deaths) had revised their breastfeeding support letter and sent it to Regina Traylor for additional edits/revisions. That workgroup is also looking to schedule time with Regina to get an overview of the Maternal Child Health Division. Molly Polverento is working with Garry Rowe and Carol Callaghan to see if there is any interest in working on the bar pregnancy test initiative discussed at previous meetings. Martha Adams noted that General Motors recently held a health fair where information about ICHD services was distributed. Denise Chrysler informed the group that the Ingham County Immunization Coalition had held their first meeting, although she was unable to attend. Sugandha Lowhim noted that she had given the BOH a brief summary of this meeting last month; she gave Denise an overview of what was included in the minutes. Denise stated that she could speak at next month's meeting about a recent court decision regarding vaccination education requirements in Michigan. She also stated that her organization is very concerned

about the effects of anti-vaccination sentiment and that they are working to counter it. She asked that anyone aware of any legal issues she could provide assistance with to let her know.

### **3. Public Health Commission Update - Denise Chrysler**

Denise Chrysler stated that the final report from this commission is due 4/30. There are many participants affiliated with local health in the group. She noted that while local health departments can't be restructured, the group can advocate for reorganization at the state level. Molly Polverento agreed that would be a positive direction, along with better coordination between the state and local levels. At this time the commission will only be making recommendations, none of which are binding. If anyone has any input, Denise asked that they touch base with her. While many things are still being finalized, Denise hopes to have the final report soon to share with the BOH.

### **4. Public Health Update - Linda Vail (ICHD)**

Molly Polverento informed that group that Genesee County had recently adopted Tobacco 21 regulations despite the current legal challenges. Linda Vail noted that their regulation had been put into abeyance until the State resolves the issue of legality; they are currently prepping materials and doing outreach so they are ready in the event that the regulation can take effect. Linda stated that Ingham County would be holding on Tobacco 21 until the legality was settled.

Linda notified the group that ICHD would be doing another round of mobile health center visits throughout the area, six sites will be included and each site will be visited three times. She will send a schedule to Steph Strickling for distribution to the BOH. Linda also noted that Communities in Schools is seeking to expand throughout the Lansing School District; she recently went with several people from Lansing to see how this structure has been implemented within Kalamazoo schools. A meeting will be held to discuss the expansion with the Lansing superintendent.

ICHD has approached the City Pulse about having a regular article regarding health appear in their newspaper. It was suggested that ICHD partner with hospitals in the area to sponsor health articles within the paper; this may be pursued. Linda is working with Channel 6 to develop a series of stories on opioid abuse. Linda noted that ICHD would be giving a presentation on a Hepatitis C outbreak staff responded to at the Michigan Communicable Disease conference in May. Linda will be speaking about opioid abuse efforts in Ingham County at an upcoming District 10 Health Department conference. State accreditation is currently taking place at ICHD, everyone is going well so far. Linda and Sarah Bryant have applied for the Kresge Foundation's Emerging Leaders in Public Health program. ICHD has been selected as a finalist for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Culture of Health Prize. Linda gave an overview of the next step in this process and the benefits of winning. They are down to 11 finalists; up to 10 prizes can be awarded. Linda distributed a draft press release and stated that she would send a copy of the final press release to Steph for BOH distribution. Molly asked about the current flu season; Sugandha Lowhim stated that the flu vaccine was apparently less effective this year so the flu has been more widespread. This has been the case across Michigan.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:44.**

**Next Board of Health Meeting:** 12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.