

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST: Molly Polverento will email out the strategic plan priorities table to the group.

In attendance for meeting: Christina Dokter, Debbie Edokpolo, Tammy Lemmer, Sugandha Lowhim, Joel Murr, Molly Polverento, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Derrell Slaughter, Lynne Stauff, Steph Strickling, Linda Vail.

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the May 2017 minutes. The May 2017 minutes were moved for approval by Nino Rodriguez and supported by Derrell Slaughter; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Limited Public Comment: None.

Announcements: Derrell Slaughter reminded the group about an upcoming community/law enforcement forum, “The Opioid Epidemic: the Nexus between Law Enforcement and Health Policy”. A flyer for this event was sent to the BOH via email last week, it will take place tonight (6/6) at 6pm at the Lansing Media Center. Lynne Stauff noted that a new permanent manager, Julia Hitchingham, had been appointed for the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Tobacco Section.

1. National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Update - Christina Dokter

Christina Dokter recently sent some questions to the BOH members looking for feedback on how to improve NALBOH. They currently provide resources like newsletters and their annual conference but they would like to be more comprehensive. Abby Schwartz suggested an online bulletin board that could be used for resource sharing. Linda Vail noted that the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) provides this for health departments to use. Christina asked if anyone had any issues they’d like to see addressed on a national level. Lynne Stauff asked about the possibility of advocacy training being made available. Christina stated that this is offered through their website for a fee through an online module developed by the University of Michigan. Molly Polverento suggested adding some information about what power local boards have versus state/national boards. Lynne asked if any members from the ICHD BOH had attended the NALBOH conferences; Christina stated that yes, some member had attended past conferences. Molly suggested sharing videos of keynote address from the conferences on the NALBOH website so agencies who were unable to attend the annual meeting could still view them. Christina asked that anyone who had additional ideas/suggestions email them to her.

2. Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA) Presentation - Tammy Lemmer (TCOA)

Tammy Lemmer from TCOA gave a presentation to the BOH on the various services provided by her agency. TCOA provides resources to older adults and their caregivers in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. Their work began as a result of the Older Americans Act, enacted in 1965. It supports a variety of services, including programs like Meals on Wheels, senior fitness classes, crisis services, and housing assistance. Tammy provided a summary of these services and others provided by the agency such as providing assistance with Medicare options during open enrollment and coordinating with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) for tax counseling. A great deal of their work involves connecting people to service providers, other agencies (including government agencies), and to volunteers. Tammy discussed the assessment services TCOA provides; these help determine if their clients can live independently with support services in their home or if

they should look to move into an assisted living facility. Lynne Stauff asked if all TCOA services were mandated by the federal government or if they could be modified based on local need; Tammy said some are mandated while others are identified by needs assessments TCOA completes. Tammy noted that a big focus for TCOA is providing caregivers with support so they don't feel so alone in their responsibilities. Molly Polverento asked about how TCOA completes their needs assessments. Tammy stated that they are done in-person, online, and during other forums such as at churches and senior dining sites. Martha Adams asked who should be contacted if an organization wanted a representative from TCOA to attend a community event. Tammy stated that she coordinated this so the BOH should feel free to contact her directly. The BOH thanked Tammy for her presentation.

3. BOH Leadership/Elections - Molly Polverento

Lynne Stauff and Derrell Slaughter had both put their names forth as candidates for the open Vice Chairperson position. Derrell decided to withdraw from consideration and instead made a motion to nominate Lynne for the position which was supported by Garry Rowe; the motion carried and Lynne was appointed as the new Vice Chairperson.

4. Strategic Plan Workgroups Discussion - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento provided BOH members with a table to fill out so they could indicate the strategic plan priorities they are most interested in working on. This will also be emailed out to the group. Once they are completed, new workgroup assignments will be made.

5. Public Health Update - Linda Vail (ICHD)

Linda Vail noted that the Ingham Opioid Prevention Initiative (IOPI) was still going strong. Tonight, she will be sitting on the panel noted by Derrell Slaughter earlier in the meeting; in early May, she also participated with a panel in Jackson County with several elected officials. IOPI is currently looking for grant opportunities that could fund additional activities. Linda believes the activities currently taking place in Ingham County would make them a strong candidate for grant funding; the implementation of an opioid response team would be an excellent addition to their current efforts. The mobile health clinic events are still going strong. Linda and Sarah Bryant continue to work on The Kresge Foundation's Emerging Leaders in Public Health proposal. This proposal is intended to create a new and transformative role for a health department in their community. They are currently looking to create a tool/assessment that community organizations could use to measure health equity. The ICHD budget for FY 2018 has been submitted, one version with no reductions and one version with a 5% reduction. Linda does not know which version will be accepted/implemented by the BOH but she believes enough positions have been held vacant that the 5% reduction can be achieved without any layoffs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.