

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER: Debbie Edokpolo will send a card to Carol on behalf of the BOH. Debbie will also provide Steph Strickling with a flyer for the “Improving Infant Health” event for distribution. Molly Polverento will send Steph Strickling a brochure for the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) conference in October. Molly will also provide Steph Strickling with a copy of the workgroup assignments for distribution to the group.

In attendance for meeting: Martha Adams, Lisa Bonotto, Debbie Edokpolo, Joel Murr, Molly Polverento, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Derrell Slaughter, Steph Strickling

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the June 2017 minutes. The June 2017 minutes were moved for approval by Nino Rodriguez and supported by Martha Adams; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Limited Public Comment: Martha Adams stated that the UAW would be holding a back-to-school backpack distribution event on 8/22/17. At last year’s event, they assisted over 400 children; they would like to help even more this year. She will be working with Rona Harris to coordinate ICHD’s participation in this event. Garry Rowe noted that Carol Callaghan was currently recovering from major surgery but hoped to be in attendance at the September meeting. Debbie Edokpolo will send a card to Carol on behalf of the BOH.

Announcements: Molly Polverento informed the group that registration materials for the MALPH conference in October were now available. Molly will send a brochure to Steph Strickling for distribution to the BOH. Garry Rowe provided the group with an update on the county-wide groundwater survey and noted that sampling will continue. Nino Rodriguez noted that the City of Lansing is working on the Aging Communities initiative to become a more age-friendly community that promotes housing, transportation, communication, health care, social services, and other issues for the aging population.

1. Strategic Plan Workgroups Discussion - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento presented draft workgroup assignments to group based on member feedback. She asked that anyone who had any questions or wanted to change their workgroup assignments touch base with her. Nino Rodriguez stated that he would like to have the workgroups update the full BOH at meetings so everyone is aware of progress being made. Molly agreed this would be a good practice; she’d also like to have the workgroups coordinate with the staff responsible for their areas to spend some time working together before the start of BOH meetings. She noted that workgroups should also feel free to have speakers relevant to their areas of focus attend BOH meetings. Nino asked about pulling data on mortality in the area to determine if there were any additional preventable causes of death the BOH should be addressing. Garry Rowe stated that it would be interesting to see information regarding motorcycle injuries/deaths since the “no helmet” law was passed. Joel Murr informed the group that this data is not collected on a county level. Molly will provide Steph Strickling with a copy of the workgroup assignments for distribution to the group. The assignments are as follows:

- Workgroup #1 (Abby, Derrell, Garry): Advocate for policies and programs to reduce preventable perinatal deaths.

- Workgroup #2 (Jan, Carol, Martha, Molly): Advocate for changes in policies which create barriers to STI and HIV/AIDS screening and treatment.
- Workgroup #3 (Denise, Lynn, Molly): Promote ICHD adolescent and adult vaccination activities.

2. Bylaws Discussion - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento reviewed suggested changes to the BOH bylaws. A copy including those proposed changes was distributed to the group for review. The number of officers will be reduced from 3 to 2 (with the elimination of the Chairperson Pro Tem). The budget/finance section will be deleted as the BOH has not previously had any involvement with these areas. Wording indicating that missing 3 meetings a year without an excused absence would lead to removal from the BOH has been added; this mirrors the language used by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners' webpage. Molly noted that while she had not yet updated the bylaws to reflect this, she and Debbie Edokpolo have discussed the possibility of decreasing the number of required meetings from 10 to 6, with meetings lasting slightly longer. Molly stated that special meetings could always be called if urgent issues arose/needed to be addressed. Nino Rodriguez asked about the possibility of getting updates on ICHD and from the workgroups in off-months; Molly stated that this should not be a problem. Molly requested that anyone with additional changes/edits let her know; she will provide a clean copy of the new bylaws at the September meeting with an official vote to adopt them being held at the October meeting.

3. Public Health Update - Debbie Edokpolo

Debbie Edokpolo informed the group that on 9/28/17 ICHD would be holding an Improving Infant Health event. She will provide Steph Strickling with a flyer for distribution. Monday, 8/14/17 kicks off the ICHD Back to School event which runs the full week. On Thursday, 8/17/17 the Hooked on Health event will be held at ICHD to honor the federally qualified health centers (FQHCs). Debbie stated that ICHD was working with the City of Lansing on the Aging Communities initiative discussed by Nino Rodriguez earlier; this initiative intends to look at how the community is embracing the elderly population and making sure they have the necessary resources available to help them stay independent. Work on the opioid initiative continues. Linda Vail and Sarah Bryant are in the process of applying for the Kresge grant discussed at prior BOH meetings. Joel Murr stated that ICHD can apply for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation at the end of August; the accreditation process will unfold over the next year and a half. Debbie stated that several ICHD staff members attended the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) meeting held in Pittsburgh this July. Garry Rowe asked about the ICHD budget. Debbie said it was submitted and has been accepted to go before the BOC, hopefully it will be approved as is.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.