

Ingham County Board of Health
Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER: Steph Strickling will arrange for flu shots to be available before the next BOH meeting. Steph will also send out registration materials for the Michigan Premier Public Health Conference (MPPHC) in Kalamazoo this October. Molly Polverento will work with Lynn Stauff and Denise Chrysler to put together a presentation on Tobacco 21 for a future BOH meeting. Molly will work with Teri Banas to draft a letter to the Lansing State Journal (LSJ) editor regarding MSU's decision to go tobacco free. Molly will also work with Teri and Lynne to put together a resolution in support of upcoming safe sleep legislation.

In attendance for meeting: Martha Adams, Commissioner Teri Banas, Denise Chrysler, Debbie Edokpolo, Sugandha Lowhim, Joel Murr, Dr. Nigel Paneth, Molly Polverento, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Janine Sinno, Lynne Stauff, Steph Strickling, Linda Vail.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the August 2016 minutes. The August 2016 minutes were moved for approval by Nino Rodriguez and supported by Garry Rowe; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Limited Public Comment: None.

Announcements: Martha Adams noted that the UAW backpack event was very successful. She thanked ICHD for all their support. Janine Sinno stated that the urban agriculture planning committee would be meeting tonight to discuss the legalization of hoop houses and goats in Lansing; this measure is expected to go before the Lansing City Council in three weeks. Dr. Sugandha Lowhim noted that D. A. Henderson (who worked on the eradication of smallpox) had recently passed away. Molly Polverento informed the group that the Tobacco 21 ordinance had been passed in Ann Arbor, restricting the sale of tobacco products to people 21 and older. It is slated to take effect next month. The group that organized this legislation will be looking for other communities interested in taking up the issue; Denise Chrysler believes there will be an address about this at the next Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) meeting. Denise believes they would also be willing to present to the BOH. Lynne Stauff, Molly, and Denise will work with the group to discuss a Tobacco 21 presentation at a future BOH meeting. Nino Rodriguez stated that MSU had recently gone tobacco free. He suggested sending them a letter from the BOH congratulating them on this decision; Teri Banas stated that a letter to the editor could be developed and sent to the LSJ on behalf of the BOH and the Commissioners. Teri and Molly will work together on this. Lynne noted that the Scott Sunken Garden in Lansing is currently in danger of being removed as the Lansing Board of Water & Light (LBWL) wishes to build a new power substation in that location. Preservation Lansing will be holding a rally in support of the garden tomorrow night from 4-7. Denise Chrysler informed the group that Genesee County had recently adopted a resolution in support of Health in All Policies. Linda Vail suggested having Jessica Yorke come to the next BOH meeting so she could provide an update on progress on that issue within Ingham County. Denise suggested the BOH/ICHD work with Genesee to pool knowledge on how to put this initiative into place. Molly expressed her sympathy for former BOH member Dr. Maurice Reizen whose son Bruce had recently passed away. A card for Dr. Reizen was passed around for the group to sign.

1. Pathways Funding - Debbie Edokpolo (ICHD)

Debbie noted that the budgeting issues surrounding funding for the Pathways program had been worked out; the program will continue in FY 2017 so a resolution from the BOH in support of the program is no longer needed.

2. National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Annual Meeting Summary - Denise Chrysler

Denise Chrysler and Dr. Christina Dokter were part of a group that gave a presentation on the water crisis in Flint at the annual NALBOH meeting last month; it was very well received. NALBOH has asked what it can do to be a better resource for local BOHs. Denise suggested that they provide more focus to advisory BOHs and more guidance on what BOHs can do to be helpful advocates for their communities. Denise noted that the University of Michigan had started to roll out BOH training modules; these may be useful tools for future BOH trainings in Ingham County. Denise informed the group that Dr. Dokter is now the President Elect for NALBOH.

3. Updates on Strategic Plan Workgroups - Molly Polverento

Workgroup #3 (Promote Health Literacy Events to Community Connections) met again with Sarah Bryant. Martha Adams stated that the group would like more guidance on how to proceed at this point. Garry Rowe echoed this sentiment. Denise Chrysler from Workgroup #2 (Support Efforts to Improve Maternal & Infant Immunization Rates) recently attended an Immunization Coalition planning meeting. They are planning to focus on improving the rates of the HPV vaccine and of adolescent vaccinations. She noted that Meningococcal is a concern especially for adolescents. The larger Immunization Coalition group will be meeting soon. Other areas like Kalamazoo have implemented coalitions like this to great success. Dr. Sugandha Lowhim noted that the immunization completion rates at our school-based health centers are much higher than the average completions rates; she credited ICHD staff for their diligence in accomplishing this. Dr. Nigel Paneth provided background on the difficulty in trying to reach the early target ages with the HPV vaccine, which can be given starting at 11 years of age. Lynne Stauff stated that Workgroup #1 (Advocate Policies/Programs to Reduces Preventable Perinatal Deaths) had met with Regina Traylor again. They have decided to focus on reducing tobacco use by pregnant women. Lynne requested additional direction on the scope of the workgroup and how the BOH would like to see it progress. Molly noted that there was upcoming safe sleep legislation at the state level; she suggested the BOH put together a resolution in support of this legislation. Teri Banas offered to assist Molly and Lynne with developing this. Molly clarified to the workgroups that they could determine themselves how frequently they meet. These updates will remain on the agenda as a standing item.

4. Public Health Update - Linda Vail (ICHD)

Linda Vail stated that ICHD had recently kicked off a mobile clinic initiative in partnership with Sparrow Hospital and Dean Transportation. The mobile clinic is rotating between four sites within the community (Baker Donora, Allen Market Place, Edgewood Village, and Tabernacle of David) to provide health screening and other services at no charge. Linda and Sarah Bryant will be attending a conference later in the month to learn more about mobile health clinics. The annual ICHD Back to School Health Fair was recently held; ICHD also participated with the City of Lansing's Connect 4 Kids back to school event. As both events take place the same week, next year ICHD will hold day one of their week-long health fair onsite at the Connect 4 Kids event, then onsite at the Human Services Building (HSB) for the rest of the week. Linda also noted that Power to Thrive had recently met.

The ICHD HIV/STI unit will be moving from HSB to Forest Community Health Center within the month. This should provide a better patient flow for clients. Well Child will also be moving from their offsite location to the HSB; their staff and patients will merge with Child Health to become Cedar Pediatrics, housed in the empty Adult Health office. WIC will move into the newly vacated Child Health area. These changes will accommodate staff needs while HSB renovations are on hold. Work continues on the Invest Health grant; the group has chosen to focus on community economic development. Linda just attended the National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA) conference on this subject in Cleveland. The conference devoted a full day to discussing social determinants of health.

The Opioid Task Force is currently looking to start a police assisted recovery group. This would allow people who turn their opioids into law enforcement to be immediately put into treatment/recovery. They are also looking at an initiative in Ohio that sends a team in after someone has been rescued with Narcan to stage an intervention and convince the person to enter treatment. Dr. Nigel Paneth asked if there was any component of the group that was focusing on pregnant women. Linda stated not at this time, their efforts are currently focused on all groups using opioids. Dr. Paneth noted that MSU had begun pulling some data on the use of opioids by pregnant women. Teri Banas asked if there were any representatives from education on the task force, Linda noted that the task force is open to the community for anyone who wishes to join it so representatives from the schools would be welcome. Sarah Bryant will be taking over day to day leadership on this group as it fits well with her focus of promotion and prevention. Linda noted that the State of Michigan had just received \$2.25 million in grant funding to combat the issue, there may be some allocations of this funding at the local level but no plans have been made yet. The Opioid Task Force will be giving a presentation on this issue at MPPHC. Teri asked if there was anything the Board of Commissioners could do on this issue going forward; Linda stated that once the transition to Sarah had been finalized she could provide specific directives. Linda also noted that the statistics are showing a downward trend in the number of deaths due to opioid overdose. There is no knowledge on what led to this reduction but it could be due in part to the increases availability of Narcan.

5. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update - Joel Murr (ICHD)

Joel Murr stated that work continues on developing the CHIP; all priority areas now have community workgroups. ICHD must have a CHIP in place to become nationally accredited, but it will also be beneficial to the community as a whole. A draft should be completed in October or November. The draft will be a living document that can be adjusted; it will contain specific measures for progress in each priority area. Molly Polverento noted that the CHIP steering committee would be meeting tomorrow and that another meeting would take place in October. Janine distributed documents summarizing the Community Health Assessment findings that are driving development of the CHIP. Denise Chrysler asked if there was room within the CHIP for Health in Policies; Janine stated that she believed this concept was encompassed within the CHIP, particularly in the financial stability priority area.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.