

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER: None.

In attendance for meeting: Martha Adams, Lisa Bonotto, Carol Callaghan, Denise Chrysler, Bill Haun, Sugandha Lowhim, Rod McNeill, Joel Murr, Molly Polverento, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Derrell Slaughter, Linda Vail.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the August 2017 minutes. The August 2017 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: Nino Rodriguez brought attention to the infant mortality rate. Dr. Sugandha Lowhim shared that there has been an overall increase in the infant mortality rate as a whole. Molly Polverento reminded the committee that Infant Mortality statistics would be available on the 28th of this month. Gary Rowe expressed gratitude to Abby Schwartz for the article she provided the BOH containing results of the no helmet law. Molly added that this is a difficult statistic to track locally as results are handled at the state level. Martha Adams thanked ICHD for sending volunteers to help with the Back Pack drive and reported that it had been successful; Molly noted that ICHD was well represented around Lansing for the first day back to school. Carol Callaghan thanked the BOH for their get well card and reported that she is doing much better. Denise Chrysler spoke about attending the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NAACHO) "Health In All Policy" (HIAP) Section and reminded the group that HIAP can be applied in all areas. Linda Vail reported that she had requested a formal HIAP Implementation Plan; Joel Murr noted that Jessica Yorke had completed this.

Announcements: Martha Adams invited ICHD staff to attend GM's Employee Health Day on October 25th; attendees will be given a tour of the facility. Molly Polverento noted that the board was free to attend the Adolescent Immunization Work Group on September 28th.

1. Groundwater Concerns at the Capitol - Rod McNeill & Bill Haun

Rod McNeill gave a report regarding the geothermal groundwater system being put in at the Michigan State Capitol Building. Rod passed out a project summary providing an overview of the specifics. He relayed that the system involves drilling and placing pipes that will loop for the purpose of heat exchange. Rod shared Environmental Health's (as well as the community's) concern of endangering aquifers. He reported that the Capital Commission (CC) has agreed to pull a permit at no charge so that some tracking can be done. After some discussion about how CC was able to do the project without a permit, Linda Vail reminded the BOH that CC is not legally required by law to obtain a permit, but that they are complying to include ICHD in the process. Linda asked what process the BOH went through to decide no charge would be applied for the permit. Gary Rowe reported that historically they had not charged. Garry Rowe also mentioned that in the past permits were made for non-potable wells, like irrigation wells, because they were often converted to potable drinking water wells in the future. Without some oversight these types of wells may not meet well construction criteria. Linda reminded the BOH that they needed to be consistent and charge as the policy states. The BOH discussed further ways to support local ordinances or other regulations to monitor the effects of this project.

2. Bylaws Discussion - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento reviewed the bylaw revisions and reported that the final version was ready. There was discussion about whether or not to increase the number of mandatory meetings a year from 6 to possibly 8 or 10. After much deliberation, it was decided that the new bylaw language (which reads “at least 6 meetings per year”) included the possibility for adding impromptu meetings as needed, and therefore the new number of mandatory meetings would be kept at 6.

3. Strategic Plan Workgroups - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento reminded the BOH that Steph Strickling had sent out reminder emails with their work group assignments; Molly asked members if their assignments for the work groups were acceptable. All members present said yes.

4. Public Health Update - Linda Vail

Linda Vail reported that ICHD had officially submitted their application to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Linda reported participating in Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Mapping; this identifies 6 intercepts which help to correct addiction within the community. She also relayed that ICHD received a letter of intent from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation inviting ICHD to submit a full proposal for their Taking Action on Opioid and Prescription Drug Abuse in Michigan by Supporting Community Responses grant funding. The focus for this proposal will be reentry for former addicts back into the community following treatment. Linda reported an upcoming \$400,000 budget reduction for FY18 with additional reductions still to come. She also noted that ICHD has participated in an MSU blood level study conducted in dogs. Finally, Linda reported that ICHD would be merging with the Sparrow/Volunteers of America Clinic for the Homeless. She expressed excitement about partnering with these organizations as well as her belief that it was the “right thing to do for the community.”

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.