

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Willow Health Center – 306 W. Willow
Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR October: Approval of the June Minutes

In attendance for meeting: Jan Bidwell, Nancy Diawara, Debbie Edokpolo, Sugandha Lowhim, Dilhara Muthukuda, Molly Polverento, Jenn Race, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Anne Scott, Derrell Slaughter, Lynne Stauff

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 by Chairperson Derrell Slaughter.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Limited Public Comment: None.

Announcements: Lynne Stauff attended the August NALBOH conference, she encouraged other board of health (BOH) members to attend. Lynne suggested that the Board of Health move to bringing their own lunch and reallocate the funds used for lunches to professional development allowing more members of the board to attend conferences. Lynne asked to make a motion to cancel lunches and move the BOH meal budget to professional development.

Dilhara inquired if the money used for lunches would be enough to cover the cost of the conference, Lynne stated that she had a conversation with Linda Vail at the NALBOH conference and said that there would be enough. Debbie explained that the lunches for 6 months of meetings is around \$1200.00. Lynne moved forward with the motion saying that the professional development, enrichment and the networking is beneficial. She went on to thank Ingham County Health Department for the opportunity to attend the conference.

Molly stated that NALBOH underwent a huge restructuring and the first conference after the restart was in 2014. Molly was able to attend the conference that year and used Professional Development money. She agreed that having the funds to support sending one member or fund a portion for multiple members to attend is a great opportunity. Dilhara asked if there was a way to leverage more money through grants or seeing if the commissioners could allocate more funds for professional development. Derrell explained that Ryan Sebolt is the liaison between the BOH and the BOC and that he could have a conversation with him about securing more funds. Derrell asked Debbie Edokpolo how other BOHs secure funds for attending conferences. Debbie explained that the BOH does not have a large budget and what funds we do have comes in the form of tax dollars. Molly explained that

governing Boards of Health members are often commissioners and so they are able to use those funds to support opportunities like this. Debbie inquired whether or not Ingham County Commissioners attend conferences. Derrell explained that they do attend some. Debbie stated that another thing to think about is what attendees would be bringing back from the conference and asked what attendees do with the information they get that is useful. Molly asked Lynne if she shared any of the information that she brought back from the conference with the commissioners. Lynne said that she had not received any questions regarding the conference but stated that she would be happy to provide information on what she learned. Debbie stated that she was thinking that Lynne should share information from the conference with Linda Vail. Dilhara asked that if they are able to allocate funds what other options would be available for professional development. Debbie responded that the Michigan Premiere Public Health Conference would be an option. Derrell inquired if there were any more discussion on Lynne's motion. Garry Rowe asked what the exact wording of the motion was going to be. Discussion regarding the motion ensued. It was decided that the official motion would be: That the money that was budgeted for BOH lunch be moved to support professional development for the BOH. Derrell moved to bring the motion to a vote. It passed unanimously. It was decided that the motion take effect in January.

Garry provided the group with an update regarding the Williamston High School student project and offered that if anyone was available to attend, Dr. Guter would be giving a presentation regarding that project at the ground water management board meeting Wednesday, October 10 at 9:00am at the Tri-County Regional Planning. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Dilhara reminded the group that the Michigan Cancer Consortium meeting will be held on November 8. Dilhara said that she would forward the meeting information on to everyone. She went on to mention that Dr. Camara Jones would be the keynote speaker and that she is a big name in Health Equity. This will be the 20th anniversary of the Michigan Cancer Consortium and will be held at the Kellogg Center.

1. Introduction/Opening Comments- Derrell Slaughter

Derrell announced that he will most likely be leaving at the end of this year if he wins the November election. Debbie asked that if anyone is interested in the Chair position they should email herself and Jenn Race.

Derrell mentioned that he had a conversation with Nino Rodriguez where he wanted to possibly revisit how often the board meets. Nino stated that he feels that the board cannot accomplish much only meeting 6 times a year. He went on to say that the role board needs to be defined or recreated. He suggested having a retreat or doing something else to produces results. Nino continued saying that he wants the board to be productive for this community. Jan Bidwell agreed with Nino saying that the more she gets familiar with the programs in the health department the more she feels like they can do more to energize these programs. She also agreed that the board should have a retreat to redefine the board's mission. She went on to say that for her it was about personal connections and felt that it could be improved if the board could meet more. Garry reminded the group that the strategic groups were going to try and meet between board meetings to work on their projects. Garry went on to say that his group had not met and asked if any of the other strategic groups had been meeting. Molly stated that she enjoyed the flexibility that had been written into the bylaws by not having to meet every month. She said that with summer and other things it just makes sense to have that flexibility built in there, but, she

does feel that the members need to be more accountable to the board and each other. The goal is that in those off months they are doing that work with the strategic groups and that those meetings had not happened this year. Molly went on to suggest that even if there is not a board meeting, there should be scheduled committee meetings so that the members can hold each other accountable. She further suggested being more consideration be given as to when the meetings fall. Jan agreed with Molly and said that it can be hard if you miss a couple meetings. She suggested that we could do conference calls if people were unable to make the meeting. Molly said that she agrees that the board should meet more than 6 times a year, but wasn't sure that it made sense to meet every month. Jan suggested that we schedule a meeting for every month and then at the previous month's meeting they take a census on whether or not they needed to meet the following month. Derrell stated that it seems that the board wants more structure. Derrell said that he would like to meet with a few members and maybe draft something to present at the December meeting regarding structure. Jan, Lynne, and Abby volunteered and Derrell requested that Debbie attend as well.

2. Brief Sanitary Code Revision Workgroup Update - Garry Rowe

Garry stated that Ingham County has the oldest sanitary code in the state with the current version dating back to 1978. He went on to say that the code needed to be updated. Garry reported that a committee had been formed and that the first meeting was held on September 17. The group focused on putting together goals. Garry indicated he was pleased with the cross section of this committee as it includes a variety of people who have vested interest from the community. Tracie Hernley with the Greater Lansing Realtors, Nathan Foote, a point of sale inspector, Matt Moore with Wolverine Engineering, Dale Ladouceur and Kristine Rendon from MDEQ, Dennis Louney representing the Ground Water Management Board, and Timothy Perrone from the attorney's office. Currently, the group is focusing on definitions. Garry indicated that the Work Group is having to separate definitions from the standard operating procedure and it is nice to have Tim Perrone there to wordsmith the definitions. Garry is hopeful that the Work Group will have a draft to present to the Board of Commissioners by the spring.

Molly inquired about the legislation on the table for a State-wide sanitary code and she asked if what the Sanitary Code group is working on meets with what the state is currently working on. Garry clarified that the sanitary workgroup is only working on chapter 2 of the sanitary code which deals with sewage. He stated that they also need to work on the water supply section as well. They are proposing deleting chapter 6 which is the Point of Sale program and move towards an updated program more in line with what the proposed legislation is currently reflecting. This possible update to chapter 6 would enact a program that would require, ICHD residents to have a mandatory inspection every 10 years. There are mixed feelings on this type of inspection system. Garry stated that he also has some concerns regarding the 10 year inspection plan. They are trying to address some of the concerns in the Work Group. Garry wants to look at septic tank safety with this update. Garry explained that there are dangers to having septic tanks that are in bad shape. Garry further explained that over time there can be a build-up of sulfuric acid which breaks down the septic tank and is an accident waiting to happen. There is a safety concern with primarily children falling into septic tanks and losing their lives.

Nino inquired whether or not they have found other counties that have an updated code. Garry went on to say that Barry-Eaton county has a fairly update code and that he has a copy. It was noted by Derrell that Barry-Eaton County no longer had their Time of Sale program. Garry said that he had spoken to

some of the politicians involved and he found that people wanted to get rid of the program because it was too much work and they believed it to be unconstitutional. Garry stated that he had made an effort to show that the program was constitutional and said that he tried to communicate to them that if the program was disbanded they would have a mandatory program for everyone. Derrell thanked Garry for representing them at the meeting. The next sanitary code work group meeting will be held October 15, 2018 from 9am-12pm.

3. Public Health Update- Debbie Edokpolo

Debbie gave a Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) update explaining that PFAS are used in fire retardants and manufacturing. Ingham County had 46 sites and all but 2 have been inspected and they were fine. Debbie went to say that we do not expect that the remaining two sites will have a problem.

Garry stated that he had an update on the groundwater survey. Dr. Mattson volunteered to run some total organic carbons for the project. Garry explained that Total Organic Carbons do not specifically indicate what is there, but that an elevated TOC can indicate that there is something in the well and they can then investigate well with an elevated TOC to see if there is something there. Garry said they had sampled several wells and have not found anything other than background so the groundwater is in good shape.

Debbie stated that ICHD is still working on PHAB but were looking to submit relatively soon and expect a site visit in the spring.

Derrell inquired about Steak and Shake and the Hepatitis A outbreak. Debbie explained that the location had an employee who tested positive for Hepatitis A. Dr. Lowhim stated that we had an immunization clinic 10/1/18 and 10/2/18 for those who feel that they had been exposed. Dr. Lowhim explained that the employee had returned to work during her contagious period September 16-25, 2018. Garry asked how they found the case. Debbie explained that the employee was hospitalized. Dr. Lowhim said that the employee originally went to an emergency room and was sent home. The employee ran out of time off and returned to work.

Doctor Lowhim stated that we had 7 rabid bats and 3 cases of West Nile in Ingham County but that there had been no deaths in the county.

4. School Based & School affiliated Clinic Update- Anne Scott & Nancy Diawara

Derrell thanked Anne Scott and Nancy Diawara for allowing the BOH meeting to take place at the Willow Health Center. Derrell asked if they would tell the group about the center and then give a tour. Nancy is the Health Center Supervisor for our School Based and School Linked Health Centers. Anne believes that we have a special role to play in adolescent health in the community. Ingham County has School Based Clinics in Eastern and Sexton high schools and Willow is school linked because it is not on school property. Willow is able to do family planning which cannot be done at the other school clinics because state law prohibits it. The School Based Clinics can educate, screen and do pregnancy testing in the schools but cannot do birth control and family planning. The clinics can however, perform physicals and primary care in the schools. The clinics also try to do well child and sports physicals at the same time and emphasize up to date immunizations as well. Last , oversaw 1500 + immunization visits and were 97% successful with STI treatment rate for adolescents. Currently, 86% of adolescent patients are up to date on their depression screenings. Anne would like to think that School based and Adolescent health they were doing behavioral health before it was catching on in primary care. Anne went on to explain that when

you are treating adolescents (people aged 10yrs -25 Yrs) mental health and physical health go hand in hand. Many adolescents are lower income and have struggles at home and it is important to address both. Willow employs 1.5 medical providers. At Sexton and Eastern they have Nurse practitioners. Nancy went on to say that they are very focused on working with the schools and ensuring that students are getting immunized. She emphasized that the Behavioral health piece is very important and the kids get benefits from that. Garry asked who provides behavioral health care, Nancy explained that a health department employee provides the services and they meet with CMH twice a month. Lynne asked why Eastern and Sexton were targeted for services. Anne explained that the centers have moved around over the years. Nino explained that in 1997 Otto had the first school based clinic and that it was run by volunteers. After Otto closed they had to find a new place and that is how it ended up at Eastern. They then found additional space at Sexton. Anne said that the clinics help students with daily medications and they have that collaboration with the schools. Nino explained that Otto was a community clinic but that Eastern and Sexton are only school based. Lynne asked why they partnered with public schools versus charter schools. Anne explained that we have a partnership and that they have a need for these services. They focus on educating young people about healthcare. Derrell inquired on whether they go into classrooms to do education. Nancy explained that they hold educational sessions for students, she further explained that Jeff Davis is the health educator and he does "Safe Dates" presentations and suicide prevention education. In East Lansing they are doing a HIV prevention program. Jan shared her experience as a school therapist. She asked how the school staff are communicating with the clinics. Anne explained that the schools have school nurses that are separate from the clinic and that school staff and clinic relationships are vital because that is where the referrals come from. Anne further explained that referrals can come from anyone.

Upcoming Events-

October 10- Dr. Guter will be giving a presentation regarding that project at the ground water management board meeting Wednesday, October 10 at 9:00am at the Tri-County Regional Planning.

November 8 -The 20th anniversary of the Michigan Cancer Consortium and will be held at the Kellogg Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.