

**Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)**  
*Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C*  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

**Minutes**

**ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL:** None

**In attendance for meeting:** Jan Bidwell, Molly Polverento, Dilhara Muthukuda, Nino Rodriguez, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Derrell Slaughter, Lynne Stauff

**The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Board Chair Lynne Stauff.**

**April Minutes-** approved

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Limited Public Comment:** None

**Announcements:**

Garry is serving on the Water Quality Advisory Group with Lansing BWL. BWL gave a presentation regarding how they are managing Lead/Copper issues in their system and offered to share the presentation with BoH at a later meeting. Lynne inquired whether or not the presentation discussed PFAS. Garry explained that testing wells or water systems for PFAS costs approximately \$600.00/sample. Bob Delaney at the state gave him a website for a company that allows people to have their water tested for \$60.00. Garry stated that he will look further into the program more details. Garry noted that the ground water survey is moving forward they just finished Ingham Township and will be surveying Onondaga Township next. The State of Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services have expressed interest in the ground water survey and want to conduct a study to evaluate the corrosive properties of well water and how that effects plumbing in homes, that project will be kicking off soon.

Molly stated that the State of Michigan Public Health conference will be Oct 16 & 17. Molly will share the materials with the BoH once she has them.

Jan gave LPD officers Health Department contact numbers to be used as a resource.

**1. Introductions/opening comments -- Lynne Stauff**

It was determined that the July meeting be canceled. Lynne reminded the group that the NALBOH annual conference was approaching and would be taking place August 14 & 16 and would be held in Denver, Colorado this year. It was determined that Lynne would attend the 2019 NALBOH conference.

Lynne called Washtenaw and Genesee County's BoH Chairs. Washtenaw BoH is only 5 years old. Lynne explained that their BoH meets for 2 1/2 hours and they meet with the Board of Commissioners to discuss BoH priorities. They are involved with budget oversight quarterly financials and they give leadership view on strategic direction. They are very involved with resolutions and they are working on the failing septic appeals.

Lynne also spoke to Genesee County's BoH and explained that Genesee County's BoH is working on the water crisis they passed Health in all policies. Tobacco 21 is also a current item they are working on.

## 2. Strategic Planning -- BOH

Lynne explained how the BoH's strategic focus was chosen in the past. Lynne revealed the top three areas based on the survey that was sent out. The top three areas were as follows: 1. Behavioral Health 2. Financial Stability and Economic Mobility 3. Chronic Disease. Lynne suggested that instead of having multiple strategic groups to limiting it to 2 groups with, at most, 5 people per group. Garry noted that there needed to be more work towards the strategic groups meeting. Garry stated that there wasn't a lot of meetings regarding the strategic plans amongst the groups in the past. Garry also suggested having a report or something in writing as to what they found or did. Molly explained that it was hard for people to meet outside of the meetings to work on the strategies and then they decided to only meet 6 times per year, but that meetings still didn't happen. Molly suggested that there should be expectations to what the groups should produce. Derrell stated that he felt like there is a disconnect between ICHD staff and the BoH and between the Board and the Commissioners. Nino stated that the culture has changed with a changing Health Department Administration. Nino further stated that the BoH needs to find a way to be involved. Dilhara explained that she attended the CHIP planning event and only one other BoH member was in attendance. She further noted that trying to decide on a priority without any idea regarding what the community needs or what the health department is currently working on means that the BoH is basically voting on their passion instead of being data driven. Molly explained that it is a challenge for BoH because so many members are involved in so many ways and it was hard for ICHD staff to know which capacity board members are there in. Derrell recognized that they don't want to do the work the Health Department is doing but they want to amplify what the Health Department is doing. Abby stated that they could go to BoC meetings and talk about what the Health Department is doing. Nino asked if the priorities that were being reviewed are current. Molly explained that they are the priorities from the most recent CHIP. Jan is concerned about Washtenaw County's concern with gun violence stating that there are shootings every day in Lansing.

The BOH discussed ways that they could be more involved with the Board of Commissioners. Further discussion ensued about how the BOH could be advocates for the Health Department and Health Department Goals.

Lynne asked about committees and expressed that she felt that the BOH should have 2 committees. One dedicated to Behavioral Health and another dedicated to Financial Stability and Economic Mobility. Molly suggested focusing only on Behavioral Health and analyze it across the spectrum.

Discussion about potential partnerships to aid in their behavioral health focus ensued.

Molly motioned to have the priority area for 2019 set to Behavioral Health. Garry seconded. The BoH will focus on Behavioral Health in 2019.

**Meeting adjourned 1:01 pm**

**Next Board of Health Meeting:** 12:00 pm on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing.