

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2009

Board of Health

Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell, Chair
Rick Tsoumas, Vice-Chair
Kathy Foerster
Lisa Gerow, Commissioner
Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani
Samantha Pearl
Ken Ponds

Health Department

John Eva
Brigette Reichenbaugh
James Rutherford
Paul Makowski
Cindy Southwick

Other

Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer
Pam Kline, Financial Analyst, Calhoun
County

Dr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. No additions or public comment.

WEB-BASED RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS PRESENTATION

Makoski presented the Web-Based Restaurant Inspections. A summary to be published was requested (e.g., total number of restaurants, how many with violations, etc.) along with the number of website hits. The discontinuation of a “point” system was explained. The upcoming model will include a federal scoring system that includes more text rather than a “point” system. Once this system is implemented, CCPHD will explain to citizens the methods used. Make certain to summarize more. Tsoumas approved publication in April with continuous modification/enhancing. No users guide. All in agreement to post and continuously enhance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pearl motioned for January minute’s approval. Tsoumas seconded. All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Eva presented the financials and the budget adjustments. Clarification was requested on the additional revenue received and utilization of for Emergency Preparedness and Children’s Special Health Care Services. It was stated that additional budget adjustments are expected in April or May.

Ponds motioned to support. Pearl seconded. All in favor.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Regarding discussion on the 2009 Teen Pregnancy Adult Attitude Survey (AAS), the question was raised as to why Calhoun County has such high teen pregnancy rates if the

community, according to the survey, is supportive of teen pregnancy prevention issues. CCPHD will summarize current teen pregnancy initiatives and present to the Board in an upcoming meeting. What does the current AAU study not tell us since our rate is so high? It was suggested for CCPHD to continue on as chair or co-chair of the TP3.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

It was suggested that we add strategies on agenda each month for continuous measurement and discussion. Are benchmarks available to the level of specificity that we need to measure success? Jim Rutherford will present in May a 10-year plan with intermediate goals and a long-term goal.

Rutherford asked for Board of Health support and consideration for additional programs as they are presented (e.g., a Nurse Family Partnership program that addresses and touches on teen pregnancy, obesity, etc.). It is expected that as these programs are presented, include in the long-term plan how Nurse Family Partnership encompasses teen pregnancy, for example. Board member suggested that teen pregnancy prevention should be based on value-based education, e.g., potentially churches. The question was raised as to why Public Health should lead teen pregnancy efforts.

It was noted that the Board does not expect CCPHD to be the center of resources for teen pregnancy; however, we should play a leading role in the efforts, including TP3. Be the leader at the table to drive the rate down but it does not have to be a Health Department program. The Board is willing to support by communicating with community partners to build TP3 efforts.

Rutherford will present on teen pregnancy first. Obesity and nutrition will be presented at a separate Board meeting. For example, the goal is to reduce teen pregnancy rate.

Karamchandani moved to support the strategic planning defined goals and developed including a focus on disparities. All in favor. An update will be presented quarterly.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.