

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2009

Board of Health

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

Health Department

John Eva
Brigette Reichenbaugh
James Rutherford
Cindy Southwick

Other

Larry Anderson, Consultant
Kelli Sproule, County Administrator
Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer

Dr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Larry Anderson, Anderson & Associates –EMS, Inc., presented Dashboard Indicators to Board. This presentation also included Tying Performance Indicators to the Strategic Plan. The Board expressed more interest in the measures of outcomes rather than program volumes.

Consent Agenda

Tsoumas motioned for approval of March 2009 minutes. Forester seconded. All in favor.

Financial Report

Eva presented the financial report that included discussion on the Medicaid Cost Based Reimbursement Audit. Rutherford informed the Board that CCPHD will begin the FYE 2010 budget planning. He expressed interest in a Board-developed Budget Committee and Board member participation. Tsoumas volunteered. Mitchell will assign another Board Member to the Budget Committee.

Health Officer Report

The finalized Organizational Chart was presented demonstrating a clear line of authority. The Environmental Health Manager will be posted internally. This may eliminate a position and free-up revenue for a data person/epidemiologist. Rutherford indicated that he meets monthly with individual managers and monthly as a group with all managers. All managers will begin staff evaluations.

Union Negotiations for 2009-2011 are complete and implemented.

The Springfield Middle School School Based Health Center is underway. Interviews for the Nurse Practitioner and Medical Assistant will begin soon. The Health Center space planning is also underway with construction projected to begin in May.

The Toeller renovations for the administrative and finance departments will be completed by April 27th, 2009. The administrative move will begin on April 28, 2009. An Open House is tentatively scheduled for May 27 to showcase the renovated areas. Invitations will be developed and mailed.

School Wellness Program. Rutherford and Wise are working together, along with the Kellogg Community College, to develop a nurse internship collaboration with the School Wellness Program. The duration of the nursing internships are approximately 6-8 weeks. Foerster expressed concern regarding consistency. The School Wellness Program will provide a fine learning experience for the students and will ensure that the existing program coincides with KCC's program. Rutherford explained the importance of looking at the root of the problem, that Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Nutrition can be addressed through the School Wellness Program. Rutherford and Wise will develop a presentation on this potential CCPHD-KCC Partnership.

CCPHD is considering a Nurse Family Partnership program to assist first time mothers. CCPHD is looking at potential funding partners. NFP is a program that reaches the homes of first time mothers (refer to handout for more information). Board member asked what is needed from the Board? NFP requires ancillary support. Board feels the Nurse Family Partnership program is a great investment, lining up with CCPHD strategic goals. A strong community statement is required to support long-term commitment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.