

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2009

Board of Health

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

Health Department

John Eva
Paul Makoski
Brigette Reichenbaugh
James Rutherford
Cindy Southwick

Other

Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer

County Administration

Kelli Scott, Administrator

Rick Tsoumas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Tsoumas advised the Board that Dr. Mitchell resigned as chairperson and the Board needs to select candidates for the position. Ponds motioned to nominate Tsoumas to serve as chairperson. Pearl seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Gerow motioned to nominate Dr. Karamchandani for Vice-Chairman. Ponds seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Board members are encouraged to recruit interested candidates for the Board. Applications are available at <http://www.calhouncountymi.gov/Government/ApplicationForAppointment.asp>

Consent Agenda

Pearl motioned for approval of September 21, 2009 minutes. Foerster seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Eva presented the financial report. As a result of strategic accounting decisions, Fund Balance is expected to increase by approximately \$175,000. Overall expenditures to-date were lower than expected due to several unfilled positions.

Body Art Regulation

Makoski presented Body Art Regulations to the Board. There are a dozen facilities in Calhoun County that participate in body art. These facilities are required to be licensed. CCPHD Environmental Health will provide inspection and licensing of facilities. It is a state mandate to provide this service. CCPHD will attempt to answer complaints but MDCH (Michigan Department of Community Health) will have the final jurisdiction over the facilities.

Program Planning and Budget Preparation

Rutherford presented to the Board "What is Public Health?", the different programs offered through public health, and the approved 2010 Budget.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer report to the Board. This report included a listing of the Smoke-Free restaurants in Calhoun County (100); Kellogg Foundation Board of Trustee Site Visit, building confidence back into the health department; CD School Reporting Tool, a new program for schools to report their weekly communicable disease report; Software purchases underway; School-Based Health Centers, there was a 75% approval for funding the centers; Hearing and Vision program for seniors, program could impact 500 seniors; H1N1

Vaccine update -- CCPHD needs a significant shipment of the vaccine before setting up vaccination clinics in schools. The health department has sent out 30,000 Pandemic booklets to area Calhoun County schools and has placed ads in area newspapers depicting when and where vaccination clinics will be held.

Healthy Lifestyles and Disparity Initiatives and the FIMR Annual Report will be presented.