

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2009

Board of Health

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

Health Department

John Eva
Diana Hazard
Kristin Roux
James Rutherford
Cindy Southwick

County Administration

Kelli Scott, Administrator
Julie Camp, Commissioner

Other

Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer

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

Consent Agenda

Gerow motioned for approval of agenda. Karamchandani seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Corrections to October's minutes were approved. Tsoumas commented on November BOH minutes regarding the Lawn Fertilizer Ordinance. The Board will see a final draft of the ordinance language recommendation before it goes to the Board of Commissioners.

Public Comment

Camp believes CCPHD is heading in the right direction, but has a concern that Calhoun County smoking regulation must be consistent with the state. CCPHD recommends that any legislation discussion, ordinance revision, or repeal discussion hold off until the state ordinance is finalized. At that time, the Board of Health will write a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Financial Report

Eva presented the financial report. Overall, CCPHD revenues have exceeded expenditures for the two months ending November 2009 by \$70,968. Department revenues are 13% and expenditures are 11% compared to an anticipated 16.67%, primarily due to programs (Great Choice and Nurse Family Partnership programs which will be implemented this spring). Tsoumas requested a grant report and asks that the Annual Report be distributed sooner. Eva indicated the Annual Report cannot be completed until the financial audit has been completed. Question raised on a target date for the Epidemiologist. There are five applications waiting review.

WIC Presentation

Diana Hazard, WIC Manager, presented the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program to the Board. WIC serves over 7,400 clients annually. Question raised: Are there other ways

that WIC can inform the public and assist additional mothers and their children? Suggestion was made to contact and partner with the Career Center and their child care program, along with the Family Health Center.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford announced and congratulated Tsoumas on his recent induction to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a trustee.

Rutherford also presented the Health Officer report to the Board. This report included the Disparity initiatives, the Toeller Building indoor air issues, H1N1 immunization availability and update, the Calhoun County medical examiner, the new smoke free legislation, and the clinic area renovation project. A nurse practitioner was hired for Battle Creek Central Student Health Center, and Cheryl Czerney, current Student Health Center NP, has applied for and was awarded the part-time nurse practitioner position at the Healing Hands Health Center.

Tsoumas reminded the Board to submit names of potential Board members for the vacant position next month. Also, Ponds will lead the evaluation process for the Health Officer evaluation and Southwick will email the evaluation forms to Board members.

January presentation features Refugee Assessment and February features Disparity Initiatives.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.