

# Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2010

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## Board of Health

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

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## Health Department

Jennifer Cook  
Regina Crooks  
John Eva  
James Rutherford  
Cindy Southwick

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## Absent

Samantha Pearl

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## Other

Karmel Puzzuoli, Child Abuse Neglect (CAN)  
Council Coordinator  
Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer

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

## Consent Agenda

Foerster motioned for approval of agenda, Karamchandani seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Karamchandani motioned for approval of February minutes. Ponds seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

## Financial Report

Eva presented the financial report. Overall CCPHD revenues have exceeded expenditures for the five months ending February 2010 by \$797. Department revenues are 33% and expenditures are 33% compared to an anticipated 42%. Everything is on target.

## Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer report to the Board. This report included the FYE 2011 Budget preparation process. Gerow and Ponds will serve on the Budget Committee to discuss realistic expectations and draft a contingency budget consisting of FYE 2011 budget requests. Jennifer Cook, Epidemiologist was introduced to the Board. Cook is currently working on the Program Management Plans (PMP) and performance indicators. She will assist in strategic planning, track program performance and focus the health department's energies in the right direction. Cook will be involved in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, identifying solutions and how to target indicators. Board/Committee involvement: Rutherford invited to serve on the Board of Directors for the Community Inclusive Recreation (CIR). Disparity Initiative: CCPHD submitted grant to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), a division of Health, Wellness and Disease Control Health Disparities Reduction/Minority Health Section. The request for proposal (RFP) is a two-phase three-year grant process. This is designed to promote collaboration between MDCH and local public health, community and faith-based organizations, and other entities to achieve health equity for Michigan's racial and ethnic populations. The Health Department has been working with Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF) and the Minority Health Partnership (MHP) developing

the RFP for this grant. It is expected that grant award notices for Phase I of this project will be awarded in April. The Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program update: CCPHD is in the final stages of completing the application for approval with the NFP National Service Office. Healing Hands Health Center: An Open House was held for parents, teachers and visitors.

Lawn Ordinance – Foerster concerned with the enforceability of the ordinance. This ordinance is more of an educational program than anything else. CCPHD will send out flyers educating stores that carry fertilizers about the importance of phosphorus reduction. Gerow motioned for recommendation of approval for the lawn ordinance. Ponds seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Recommendation for approval will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on March 18. Rutherford will attend the meeting.

### **Presentation**

Karmel Puzzuoli, Calhoun Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention Council presented Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) in Calhoun County to the Board. Puzzuoli explained that CAN is funded through grants and the council's fund raising. The council provides resources and education for positive parenting. Child abuse rates are higher in Calhoun County than the state average. There are 3,000 cases of abuse each year. Majority of cases are neglect. Child Abuse Prevention month is April. There is a Blue Tie fundraiser event on April 16 at the Battle Creek Country Club and a candlelight vigil for victims.

Tobacco/Smoking Rules presentation at April's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.