

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2010

Board of Health

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

Health Department

Jennifer Cook
Paul Makoski
Brigette Reichenbaugh
James Rutherford
Cindy Southwick
Tim Wanner

County Administration

Kelli Scott, Administrator

Other

Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer
Julie Camp, Commissioner

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

Consent Agenda

Karamchandani motioned for approval of agenda, Foerster seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Gerow motioned for approval of March 2010 minutes with noted corrections. Pearl seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Rutherford presented the financial report. Overall CCPHD revenues have exceeded expenditures for the six months ending March 2010 by \$20,603. Department revenues are 40% and expenditures are 40% compared to an anticipated 50%. CCPHD clients have been utilizing the ability to pay with credit cards. (approximately \$10,000 to-date 75% in the EH area and 25% in the clinic area). Ponds and Tsoumas will serve on the FYE 2011 budget committee. Gerow will serve as liaison to the Board of Commissioners.

Public Comment

Julie Camp, Commissioner speaking on behalf of herself and not on the behalf of the Board of Commissioners requested that CCPHD consider aligning the local regulation to be no stricter than the state statute. Two areas of concern are specifically in regards to Calhoun County's ban from smoking within a vehicle that is owned by a business based in Calhoun County, and also the designated distance from doors of 25' versus unspecified by state statute.

Presentation

Paul Makoski presented the Dr. Ron Davis Smoke-Free Law. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on December 18, 2009 to become P.A. 188 of 2009. Effective date is May 1, 2010. Public forums to discuss the opportunities offered by Michigan's new smoking law were held on April 20, April 21, and April 24. A community celebration is planned for May 1 at Nottke's Family Fun Center. The new smoke-free law regulates all public and private workplaces and all licensed food service establishments. The law does not regulate businesses located on sovereign

land, cigar bars, tobacco specialty retail stores, the gaming floor of the Detroit casinos and home offices used only by the owner. Makoski provided a summary of the Smoke-Free law. There are two websites www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw and www.michigan.gov/tobacco along with an information line 866-59-SMOKE that can be accessed.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer report to the Board. This report included the Lawn Fertilizer Ordinance update: The Board of Commissioners approved the ordinance 6-1. Due to the county failing to post an advertisement for a public hearing on February 22, 2010, and several constituents owning businesses that have concerns on product containing phosphorus on their shelves; the Health Department will bring the ordinance request back to the Board of Health for a legal public hearing, and to the Board of Commissioners for approval with an anticipated implementation date of September 1, 2010. Disparity Initiative: CCPHD has been awarded the Michigan Department of Community Health Division of Health, Wellness and Disease Control Health Disparities Reduction/Minority Health grant. The grant is designed to promote the collaboration between the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and local public health, community and faith-based organizations, and other entities to achieve healthy equity for Michigan's racial and ethnic population. The receipt of this grant coupled with the additional upcoming work done in Healthy Lifestyles will require hiring an additional Health Educator for the department in the near future. Healthy Lifestyle Initiative: CCPHD continues to work with the International Food Protection Training Institute, Western Michigan University, and groups from the Regional Health Alliance as well as other partners with the community to plan, develop, and introduce a comprehensive Healthy Lifestyles initiative for all of Calhoun County. The plan is called "Journey to Health" and is the framework of an extensive community-wide plan. Battle Creek Enquirer has also written several articles on healthy lifestyles for public health week. Positive Tuberculosis Case in Calhoun County: Clinical staff at the Health Department continues to work with a recently identified Tuberculosis (TB) disease case, a Calhoun County resident who previously immigrated to the Battle Creek area from Burma.

Tsoumas thanked Rutherford and the Health Department for all their efforts and their leadership

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.