



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2015

Board of Health

Nancy Mullett, Vice-Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne
Amy Davis
Rick Hensley
Ronnie Sims

Health Department

Kathy Glomski
Paul Makoski
Deborah Metzgar
Victoria Reese
James Rutherford, Health Officer

Absent

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairperson
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner

Other

Kathy Grosso

Meeting called to order

Mullett called the meeting to order at 8 am.

Agenda

Byrne motioned for agenda approval. Hensley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Sims motioned for approval of the consent agenda. Byrne seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

Grosso and Reese presented on the C1B1 initiative. The presentation included:

- Mission of C1B1: To advocate for and address improvement of health among communities of color in Calhoun County through education and partnerships.
- Purpose of C1B1: To design and implement an innovative health careers pipeline initiative that will serve as a career entry program for middle and high school students that are currently underrepresented in the health field.
- People of color are currently not enrolling in allied health programs.
- Reasons that C1B1 makes sense:
 - Advancing cultural competency.
 - Research indicates that minority providers are more likely to practice in low-income communities.
 - Patients of color are more likely to seek services from, and follow the medical advice of, minority providers.

- Program outcomes are to increase the number of diverse students with: knowledge of health career opportunities; the ability to demonstrate college readiness; advancement to post-secondary education; pursuit of health careers; and gainful employment in health careers.
- A program outline was discussed, which included: selection criteria, admissions process, partner activities, progress achieved thus far, timeline, and next steps to be taken.

How long of a grant period will the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) be requesting from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF)? The goal is five years. How will transportation for the students be handled? Both transportation and childcare are built into the budget. The program will start with 10 students at each grade level from sixth through eleventh grade, due to the fact that the WKKF will require measurable outcomes within a few years after the grant begins. Suggestion was made that a student who does not have the required 2.5 GPA should be offered tutoring or assistance to help them attain or maintain a 2.5 GPA. What amount will the CCPHD be requesting in this grant? The requested range will be between \$300,000 and \$500,000 per year, depending on the year.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford asked Makoski to discuss current issues at the Triangle Mobile Home Park. The CCPHD continues to receive complaints that the sewage tanks are close to overflowing. Because this is considered an imminent health hazard, the CCPHD was able to get involved. The CCPHD works together with Emmett Township when problems arise at the park. The CCPHD does not have any authority over mobile home parks unless there is an imminent health hazard. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has taken notice and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) did inspect the park after this incident. WWMT Channel 3 News is currently working on a news piece which is expected to air sometime this coming week.

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. The report included:

- The School Based Health Center at Lakeview Middle School grant was approved and construction will begin soon. This is a Nurse Practitioner (NP) model, funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). The goal is to begin offering services in March.
- The Olivet Community Schools are interested in joining the School Wellness Program (SWP). Because the system is not located within Calhoun County, but within the boundaries of the Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD), the CCPHD offered Olivet a contract where they will pay the full amount for the nurse.
- A short video was shown explaining the Telehealth model. Telehealth, based on Telemedicine, is “the use of telecommunication and information technologies in order to provide clinical health care at a distance. It helps eliminate distance barriers and can improve access to medical services that would often not be consistently available in distant rural communities.” <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telemedicine>. The cost of each unit is approximately \$20,000. The CCPHD submitted two grant requests to purchase four units, two from the MDCH and two from the Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF). The MDCH is encouraging the CCPHD to implement this system. This would provide services to students that are beyond the scope of what the school RN can provide.

Services provided by the CCPHD through Telehealth are billable. Grant decisions are expected to be made mid-February.

- Albion update: Lease negotiations continue between Dr. Dobbins and County Administration.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Deb Metzgar at 269-969-6463 or via email at dmetzgar@calhouncountymi.gov