



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2015

Board of Health

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairperson
Nancy Mullett, Vice-Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne
Amy Davis
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner
Rick Hensley

Health Department

Diana Buist
Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer

Other

County Administration

Kelli Scott

Absent

Rebecca Fleury

Meeting called to order

Karamchandani called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Davis motioned for approval of the consent agenda. Mullett seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

Buist, WIC Manager, presented an update/overview of the WIC program. The presentation included the following points:

- Overview and explanation of the WIC program.
- Participants at the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) WIC offices do not need to live in Calhoun County, but must live in Michigan and meet income guidelines.
- Participants must be pregnant or have a child under the age of five. When a child turns five, they are no longer eligible for WIC benefits.

- WIC has successfully transitioned to client centered services to better meet the needs of their clients.
- A definition of a food prescription. Food prescription benefits were previously provided via paper coupons, but are now loaded on EBT cards.
- Short- and long-term goals that WIC strives to help their clients achieve.
- Project FRESH partnership program with Michigan farmers' markets.
- WIC impact on Calhoun County and funding structure.
- WIC Breastfeeding Support Program in Calhoun County.
- Support needed from the community for WIC to succeed and existing collaborative WIC efforts in Calhoun County.
- Food insecurity and the effects of hunger on families and the development of young children.

Other

The current board term for Byrne ends on December 31, 2015. Byrne confirmed her desire to continue as a member of the Board of Health (BOH).

Dunn motioned to appoint Byrne to a three-year term on the BOH beginning January 1, 2016 ending December 31, 2018. Hensley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The 2016 BOH meeting schedule was distributed to all BOH members. An error was noted in the January date. The schedule currently says January 26, 2016 and it should be January 25, 2016. Metzgar will make the correction and redistribute the schedule to all BOH members.

Question was asked if the members could have until Friday, November 20, 2015 to submit suggested edits to the 2014 CCPHD Annual Report and the 14-15 School Wellness Program (SWP) annual report. The BOH requested a short memorial to Dr. Harrington included in the 2014 CCPHD Annual Report even though the time period of the report preceded his passing.

Dunn motioned to approve the 2014 CCPHD Annual Report and the 14-15 SWP Annual Report as of Friday, November 20, 2015. Hensley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. The report included:

- Interim Medical Director update. Dr. Homnick also serves as the Medical Director for Kalamazoo County and comes to Calhoun County on Friday only. Dr. Homnick is willing to continue working as Medical Director for Calhoun County during 2016.
- Discussions regarding the future funding for the School Wellness Program (SWP) are ongoing with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF). Challenges arise for the CCPHD when WKKF assigns a new consultant to oversee the CCPHD grants, which happened again in 2015.
- Nurse Practitioner openings have not been filled for the SWP or the Family Planning program. Salaries have been re-evaluated to help be more competitive in the market place.

- Four local Mobile Home parks are in danger of closure in the Spring of 2016 due to the nonpayment of taxes to Calhoun County. Closure of all four parks would displace approximately 600 family units.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 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