



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2016

Board of Health

Nancy Mullett, Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne, Vice-Chairperson
Mark Crawford
Amy Davis
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner
Rebecca Fleury
Rick Hensley

Health Department

Tana Calkins
Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer

Meeting called to order

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

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

No public comment

Board Discussion

Rutherford asked Crawford, new Board of Health member, to briefly discuss his past experience and current responsibilities at his job at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital.

Rutherford has a conflict with the April 18, 2016 Board of Health (BOH) meeting date. It was suggested that the meeting be moved to April 25, 2016. Byrne motioned to move the April 18, 2016 BOH meeting to April 25, 2016. Dunn seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Presentation

Tana Calkins presented updates on the Emergency Preparedness program, which included:

- How the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (EP) originated. EP/homeland security began in response to the 9/11 terrorist attack and anthrax scares.
- Funding comes from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) which consists of both local and regional funding.

- Funding requires the completion of various work plans that must be completed every year as well as quarterly and annual training and exercises.
- The base workplan is the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) which details procedure for staff activation. Annex plans are specific plans for responding to specific types of emergencies, such as mass vaccination.
- The CCPHD received Project Public Health Ready recognition in January 2015. The CCPHD is one of only eight local health departments in Michigan and one of 400 local health departments nationwide to have received this recognition.
- Due to the recent Ebola outbreak, the CCPHD received \$11,000 in special funding. The funding will spent as follows:
 - Mass Fatality Symposium on March 16, 2016
 - Contagious Disease exercise in May 2016
 - Purchasing PPE/HAZMAT suits and equipment for the Battle Creek HAZMAT (regional) team (to be approved by the State)
- The CCPHD did a drive-through flu clinic again this year, which doubled vaccinations given over the previous year. This qualifies as an Emergency Preparedness exercise.
- The CCPHD participates in various partner meetings including 5th District Medical Response Coalition, Battle Creek Response Consortium, Calhoun County LEPC/Task Force, DEPR/EPC Monthly Meetings, and Region 5 EPC Meeting.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. The report included:

- Development of a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for 2016 is being led by Bronson Battle Creek Hospital. The next logical step would be for the community to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan.
 - Crawford stated that in contrast to the CHNA done in 2013, the 2016 CHNA will result in a full data set being delivered to the CHNA partners to use internally for developing a plan.
- School Wellness Program (SWP) funding for FYE17 is showing an approximate \$125K deficit. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation would like to reduce their support by 50% over the next three years. Discussions with the Community Partners (CP) board and others will continue to obtain other funding for the SWP.
 - Crawford stated that the CP board was initially created when the Battle Creek Health System was sold. CP was 50% owner of Battle Creek Health System and sold 1% of their ownership to Bronson Hospital. This created cash for CP which has earnings that are now used for community grants. CP grants approximately \$400K each year out of these earnings.
- Because of the Flint water crisis, Rutherford will ask staff from the City of Battle Creek to do a presentation for the BOH in February. Water supplies are classified as Type I, Type II, or Type III. Type I is municipal water supply. The CCPHD oversees Type II and Type III water supplies. Flint is an example of not only a series of bad decisions, but also bad infrastructure that hasn't been maintained over many years. A statement was made that the water and sewer facilities in Battle Creek are quite impressive considering the size of the city.
- Question was asked about the nature of the problems with the ME program as mentioned in the Health Officer's report. There have been complaints about timeliness, body

transport issues, and dislike of one of the current on-scene investigators. The option of body donation of the deceased and the timing of this discussion has been called into question.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 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