



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 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

Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer
Kristi Tekiele
Michelle Thorne

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

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

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

Thorne gave a presentation of the Refugee Program at the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD). The presentation included:

- Definition of a refugee according to the 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention.
- Different types of refugees as defined by the Office of Refugee Resettlement.
- Number of refugees in Michigan during 2013-2014: 4,651 Refugees, 245 Asylees, 7 Cuban/Haitian Entrants, and 142 Victims of Human Trafficking. The majority were from Iraq followed those from Burma.
- Number of Calhoun County refugees: Primarily Burmese and from Malaysian refugee camps.
- Health issues frequently encountered in the CCPHD refugee program are TB (non-infectious) and Hepatitis B or C.
- Health issues rarely seen in the CCPHD refugee program are HIV, Hansen's disease (aka Leprosy), and STDs.
- Refugees receive medical screenings overseas and again in the United States.

- Refugee health assessments must be completed within 30-90 days of arrival in the United States. The CCPHD normally completes the assessments within 30-40 days.
- Referrals to medical providers are made for services not provided by the CCPHD.
- Working very closely with Lutheran Social Services. Lutheran Social Services provides many services for refugees such as: arranging health assessments, Medicaid application through DHHS, housing, school placement for children, employment for adults, and transportation.

Finance

Tekiele presented revised budgets for the School Wellness Program (SWP) and Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR). The budget reductions are necessary due to decreased funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Tekiele also presented a request to increase the vacant Fiscal Support Specialist position from .50FTE to 1.0FTE. This increase will be substantiated by increased immunizations completed in Albion, Hemoglobin testing, lead blood level testing, and financial tasks that will be reallocated from other departments and performed by this position.

Hensley motioned to support the reduction of the SWP and FIMR budgets as presented. Dunn seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Hensley motioned to support increasing the FTE of the vacant Fiscal Support Specialist position from .50FTE to 1.0FTE. Davis seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. The report included:

- Collaborative work is continuing to determine what lead issues exist in Calhoun County. Most of the collaboration is occurring with the City of Battle Creek. Future requests to the BOH from the CCPHD will most likely include the purchase of four blood lead analyzers. This will enable the CCPHD to double or triple the number of children that are tested for lead.
- School Wellness Program funding was explained by Tekiele. A grant has been submitted to the Bronson Battle Creek Community Partners Board for School Wellness Program funding.
- Representatives from the Michigan Community Dental Clinics (MCDC) have concerns over the proposed location for their clinic. One concern is that the proposed location currently has a dental clinic on the second floor and the MCDC would prefer a first floor location. Discussions will continue between CCPHD and MCDC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 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