



**Calhoun County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2016**

Board of Health

Nancy Mullett, Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne, Vice-Chairperson
Mark Crawford
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner

Health Department

James Rutherford, Health Officer
Michelle Datema
Amanda Smith

Guests

Absent

Amy Davis
Rebecca Fleury

Meeting called to order

Mullett called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

Byrne expressed her disappointment that Marshall was not part of the Lead Task Force; the issue has been rectified.

Presentation

Datema, Nurse-Family Partnership Program Manager presented on the Maternal Infant Health Commission. The presentation included:

- Infant mortality rate dropped below the state average in 2012
- Infant deaths (three) in 2016 (to-date), less than 10 infant deaths in 2015
- Pack-N-Plays (183) were gifted to parents in 2015
- Teen pregnancy is at a historic low nationally

The question was asked why does it take so long to obtain an infant death certificate? Factors such as lab work and state involvement can cause an infant autopsy to take three times longer than an adult autopsy.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. The report included:

- Dr. William Nettleton is expected to begin January 3, 2017 as the new CCPHD Medical Director. The CCPHD is in the process of vetting a contract with WMED, it will then go before the Board of Commissioners for approval.
- The 2016-2017 TCC Annual Report Card is under development. This is the last year it will be done in the current format. An on-line, user-friendly, electronic document will be developed within one year.
- Finding a funding source for the 2.4 million dollar Emmett Township Arsenic project has been challenging. Rutherford will be reaching out to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to determine their interest in support for extension.
- Two-thirds of the Environmental Health staff plan to retire in the next 2-3 years. Rutherford will be scheduling planning sessions with human resources to begin to develop some level of succession planning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Amanda Smith at 269-969-6477 or via email at asmith@calhouncountymi.gov