



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2018

Board of Health

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson
Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair
Sonja Elder
Steve Frisbie
James McKernan
Nancy Mullett

Health Department

Eric Pessell, Health Officer
Brigette Reichenbaugh
Amanda Smith
Michelle Thorne
Kyler Watson

County Administration

Megan Banning, Deputy Controller

Absent

Rebecca Fleury

Meeting called to order

Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:06am.

Agenda

Mullett moved for agenda approval. Frisbie supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Frisbie moved for approval of the consent agenda. Crawford supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Frisbie asked that those who seconded the Family Planning/Choices Clinic and board member appointments/re-appointments be added to the October Board of Health minutes. Minutes have been corrected and processed accordingly.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

Thorne presented an influenza update. The update included:

- Flu Blok is designed for people with egg allergies and is more effective to those ages 50-64, seniors age 65 + receive the high dose flu shot, standard dose shots are given to all others
- The Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) has held 30 off-site clinics in schools and local businesses this flu season, 1,407 flu vaccinations have been administered

- Employees are either billed for the cost of the vaccine and administration fee or the employer covers the cost
- The CCPHD reaches out to senior living communities in need of vaccinations
- The CCPHD received a \$2,000 grant from the Albion Community Foundation to administer free flu shots to the residents of Albion and Homer
- Four confirmed adult influenza cases have been reported in Calhoun County, two confirmed pediatric deaths have been reported nationally
- The influenza A strain has been reported and is more severe than strain B which is usually reported later in the year
- Drive-thru flu clinics are a fast and efficient way to administer vaccines. The October drive-thru clinic held in the Toeller parking lot provided influenza, pneumonia, tetanus, and shingles vaccines
- CareHere provides vaccinations to all county employees
- Healthcare providers are not required to enter the influenza vaccine in MCIR for adults 18 and older

The question was asked, is it mandatory that all Health Department employees receive the influenza vaccine? It is not mandatory.

Board Discussion

Pessell asked McKernan to briefly discuss his past experience and current responsibilities at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital.

Action Items

Approval of the CCPHD Family Planning Choices Clinic was given via email November 5, 2018.

Health Officer's Report

Pessell presented the Health Officer report. The report included:

- The Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved the Family Planning/Choices Clinic. Pessell thanked the Albion Health Care Alliance (AHCA) and the Regional Health Alliance (RHA) for their letters of support.
- My Community Dental Center (MCDC) hours have decreased
- Methadone clinic scheduled to open in January 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:06am.

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