



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2018

Board of Health

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson
Rebecca Fleury
Steve Frisbie
Nancy Mullett

Health Department

Eric Pessell, Health Officer
Kevin Green
Amanda Smith

County Administration

Michele Johnson, Finance Director
Kelli Scott, Administrator

Absent

Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair
Sonja Elder

Meeting called to order

Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

Agenda

Mullett motioned for agenda approval. Frisbie seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentations

Kevin Green, Environmental Health Manager, presented on the potential Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS/PFOS) contamination surrounding the W.K. Kellogg Airport. A presentation summary is as follows:

- PFAS/PFOS is a substance found in non-stick cook wear, pizza boxes, stain guards, and firefighting foam
- Manufacturers of PFAS/PFOS quit producing these agents by 2015
- PFAS/PFOS firefighting foam was used at the Air National Guard base prior to 2015 to distinguish fires
- Department of Environmental Quality has begun testing wells for PFAS/PFOS as they are unsure if it has contaminated the drinking water
- The concentration in drinking water should not exceed 70 parts per trillion
- If there is an exceedance of PFAS/PFOS found in a well, bottled water will be distributed and home water filtration systems will be installed to reduce PFAS/PFOS levels

The question was asked what are the dangers of PFAS/PFOS. Studies in humans and animals are inconsistent but suggest that certain PFAS/PFOS can cause possible health effects. Drinking water is the highest concern.

Board Discussion

Discussion regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana on the November 6th ballot. Does the Board want to pass a resolution opposing the use of recreational marijuana? The Medical Director and the Substance Abuse Council will be invited to the next BOH meeting to discuss health, data, and statistics.

Board Vacancy

Email Byrne BOH member recommendations to fill Mitchell's term.

Finance Update

Johnson presented the March 2018 Month-End Update.

The Medical Examiner final contract came in \$23K over expectation, will be included in County mid-year budget adjustment.

Health Officer's Report

Pessell presented the Health Officer report. The report included:

- CCPHD Health Educator has resigned effective April 26, as she has accepted the position as the State FIMR Coordinator.
- TOP funding has decreased by \$10,000. Board of Health members gave suggestions of organizations to reach out to for additional funding.
- Food, pool, and campground licensing renewals have been mailed with new fees.
- The new School Wellness Program acuity model offers two levels of service. It appears that the majority of schools are onboard with Level 1.
 - Level 1 is the Consultative Model. Each school will have a nurse on-site at least one day each week and will be available by phone. In this model, the number of nurses will be reduced from 13.5 to 7. School staff will be trained to handle band aids and boo boos, the nurse will focus on chronic issues. The cost for this model is \$15,000 per building in each district.
 - Additional funding is needed to operate level 2, the Care Management Model.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.

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