

MINUTES

Cass Co. Board of Health Minutes

November 11th, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Gary Davis at 7:05pm

In attendance

Gary Davis
Dr. Cherie Bennett
Pat Benedict, FNP
Dustie Reed, MD
Zina Birnell
Dr. Christopher Ciotta, DVM
Dori Ditty, MD
Jeff Stanton
Robert McLaughlin
McCall Kitchel
Lynda Kennedy

Review of Health Dept. Reports

New Business

Dr. Bennett stated that we are presenting to hire a part-time medical assistant at a median salary of \$13.25 per hour. Dr. Ditty suggested a paramedic might be interested in a part-time position in addition to their regular position. Dr. Bennett stated that may work if we have approval from the state and the county. Dr. Bennett stated we are presenting to hire a part-time environmentalist foods and preparedness person to be paid out of state funds.

Dr. Bennett stated that Cory Wolford received and accepted a job offer from the State. Dr. Bennett stated this is a promotion for him and we are proud of him. Dr. Bennett stated that McCall is full time in 2011 and will be full time starting in January of 2012. The part-time environmentalist/preparedness will be a new person.

Administration

Lynda is working on documenting policies and job descriptions. Jan and Lynda are updating the Local Health Department Trust Account as needed.

Nursing Report

Dr. Bennett stated the demand for adult flu shots is going down due to pharmacies and other places offering flu shots for Medicare and insured individuals. The Health Department is the cheapest for the

uninsured. Next year the Health Department will order less adult flu shots to avoid a surplus. The nurses have visited all the 5th grade schools in the county to vaccinate participants for their 6th grade immunization requirements. Next year the nurses will visit the 5th grade and vaccinate for 6th grade shots. Dr. Ditty asked about giving flu shots to the kids during the school clinics. Dr. Bennett responded that the Health Department has separate days and times set aside for kid flu shots. Dr. Ditty asked what percentage of children were immunized against flu and if it is a problem in the schools. Lynda Kennedy stated that 385 doses were given. Dr. Ditty asked about giving flu shots at the schools and working with the school nurses. Dr. Bennett stated it depends on what the state decides January 1st concerning insured children. Zina asked about the numbers on the nurse report for the immunization program. Vaccination schedule was discussed.

Food Sanitation

McCall stated she is doing second inspection on establishments and working on larger menu establishments. She stated she will start flexing her time in order to inspect establishments that are open later.

Vital Records

No additional comments

CCHD Attorney

Mr. Stanton stated that new cases are arising due to the new ordinance and statute of housing market to condemn properties with lead paint, septic hazard, or meth contamination. This is creating a potential for more ligations. Mr. Stanton states the litigation budget for 2011 will not be exceeded but that the 2012 ligation budget will probably be exceeded.

Meetings were set for 2012 as follows:

January 17th, 2012

March 13th, 2012

May 15th, 2012

August 21st, 2012

November 13th, 2012

Next Meeting

January 17th, 2012

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Ciotta and seconded by Dr. Reed. Board passed unanimously.