

MINUTES

Cass Co. Board of Health Minutes

March 8th, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Gary Davis at 7:00pm

In attendance

Christopher Ciotta, DVM

Donna Corn

Gary Davis

Dustie Reed, MD

Jeff Stanton

Robert McLaughlin

Cory Wolford

Jason Geisler

Jan McKaig

Suzy Leicht

Susie Bennett

Approval of Minutes

Donna Corn questioned meaning of abbreviations within last meetings minutes. Cory Wolford clarified meaning of abbreviations. Donna Corn requested corrections to clarify meanings of abbreviations. Donna Corn motioned to approve minutes, as long as corrections are completed. Dr. Dusty Reed seconded. Board approved unanimously, motion carried.

Review of Health Dept. Reports

New Business

Board discussed procedure for approval of price increase for vaccines. Dr. Chris Ciotta inquired if the price increase would cover the new costs and a little extra. Suzy Leicht confirmed. Jeff Stanton requested that approval be forwarded to his office for publishing. Dr. Ciotta motioned to approve price increases for cost of vaccinations. Donna Corn seconded. Board approved unanimously, motion carried.

Dr. Ciotta requested a status update pertaining to Grants. Robert McLaughlin stated that the Health Department had been working on the requirements for the Preparedness Grant. Mr. McLaughlin had meet with the District 4 personnel regularly to insure compliance with the Grant requirements. Deadline for the Grant grading system is set for July 1st. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the department has a lot of work to accomplish, since an estimated 80-90% of the plan is outdated. Additionally the Health Department must complete a preparedness drill prior to the July 1st deadline.

In addition, the Cass County Health Department is reviewing the H1N1 grant and remaining funds. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the department is reviewing the funds spent, to determine what amount has to be returned. No final total was available at the time of the meeting. Donna Corn inquired as to a staff position being funded through H1N1 grant funding. Mr. McLaughlin stated that a part-time nurse was funded through the grant and that the funding is no longer available. Subsequently the nursing position will now only be fund for a maximum of 15 hrs. a week.

Nursing Report

Susy Leicht stated they had nothing else to add. Gary Davis asked if they have found a part-time nurse. Susie Bennett replied no because they do not know how many hours are available. An ad was run in the paper for a position at 30 hours a week. Dr. Ciotta questioned what Nancy does. Susie Bennett replied she helps fill in where needed on clinic days, etc. She also stated that Nancy does not desire full-time employment.

Wastewater

Mr. McLaughlin stated it has been a slow start to the septic season but there are some new construction projects beginning. Gary Davis asked about the process of working one on one training septic installers. Mr. McLaughlin stated several installers were able to participate in a recent IOWPA training in Wabash. All installers not attending a previous training have been scheduled for testing at the Health Dept.

Environmental

No additional comments.

Food Sanitation

Dr. Ciotta asked whether Mr. Worth has filed an appeal. Mr. Wolford stated to his knowledge no appeal has been filed and that paperwork would have to go through the Health Dept. attorney. Mr. Stanton stated he has spoke with Mr. Worth and was informed that he was no longer planning to conduct business in Cass County.

Vital Records

No additional comments.

CCHD Attorney

Mr. Stanton stated there are only 2 pending legal cases. He stated the Environmentalists are making good progress getting cases resolved through agreed orders rather than litigation. Stanton stated there is a particularly difficult case involving a property within city limits that is not connected to city sewer. There has been a cross claim filed in that case against the city. However it should not affect the Health Department's claim. Dr. Ciotta asked how far away the residence was from city sewer. Mr. McLaughlin stated it was only 200-300 feet but there was a railroad track in the way. Mr. McLaughlin stated that it would be the ideal time to connect the area because of the 18th street corridor project. Dr. Ciotta asked if all of the homes in the area are experiencing problems. Mr. McLaughlin answer that the soils are very poor in the area and would require mounds. He also stated that due to the shallow limestone the systems could pose a potential environmental hazard.

Tobacco Education

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the Tobacco education was added late to the board report and proceeded to pass out copies. Donna Corn asked Jan what her role was at the All Saints school clinic. She stated she helped with paperwork.

Next Meeting

August 16th, 2011

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