

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER: Molly Polverento will determine if the BOH bylaws allow for board members to take a leave of absence. Jessica Yorko will send out an electronic copy of her logic model and timeline to Steph Strickling for distribution to the BOH.

In attendance for meeting: Sheila Aikin, Denise Chrysler, Christina Dokter, Debbie Edokpolo, Sugandha Lowhim, Joel Murr, Molly Polverento, Jordan Procnier, Nino Rodriguez, Janine Sinno, Lynne Stauff, Steph Strickling, Linda Vail, Breona Williams, Ashlee Wright, Jessica Yorko.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the September 2016 minutes. The September 2016 minutes were moved for approval by Nino Rodriguez and supported by Lynne Stauff; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Limited Public Comment: Everyone introduced themselves as nursing students from U of M Flint were in attendance at the meeting.

Announcements: Christina Dokter announced that she would likely be moving to the southeastern part of the country as she has been advised to live in a warmer climate for health reasons. If this happens, she will be resigning her position on the BOH. Molly Polverento will determine if BOH board members can take a leave of absence; it was also suggested that Christina call into the BOH meetings if she wanted to continue to participate remotely.

1. Health in All Policies Update - Jessica Yorko (ICHHD)

Jessica Yorko gave the group with an update on her strategy for implementation of Health in All Policies (HIAP) within Ingham County. She provided everyone with copies of a logic model detailing the inputs, outputs, and expected outcomes/impacts of the various steps that must be completed in order to successfully implement HIAP. She also provided a timeline of detailed actions and when they would be completed. While ICHHD could request that the Board of Commissioners (BOC) pass a resolution for HIAP now, without this infrastructure developed, Jessica and Linda Vail believe it would only have a minimal impact on changing the way Ingham County develops and implements policies. They would both like to see this plan followed to ensure the leadership in Ingham County involved in developing policies understands the purpose of HIAP; they will also develop tools that can be used to assess proposed policies and ordinances. Jessica stated that the City of Richmond had used a process similar to what she has developed to implement HIAP in their community. She stressed to the group that HIAP is not something that can be put in place overnight; she recently attended a conference on public health law where their HIAP session expressed that a 10-year implementation plan is realistic. Jessica's goal is to have the infrastructure in place by August of 2020. Jessica also updated the group on a Health Equity Resource Group that had been formed with ICHHD employees. This group will be assisting with the implementation of HIAP. Jessica distributed a sheet developed by the group of social justice/health equity resources; this will be available on the ICHHD website.

Nino Rodriguez asked how Ingham County leadership would become proficient in HIAP; Jessica stated that Richmond had included HIAP education in their strategic plan and that she hoped Ingham County would do the same. She also noted that other communities where HIAP has been successfully implemented developed follow-up processes to evaluate the progress of their participants and determine if progress had truly been

made. Christina Dokter asked for some examples of how HIAP could impact policy development; Jessica stated that the concept of Complete Streets fits under this umbrella. Complete Streets refers to identifying and making accommodations for alternative methods of transportation (such as bike lanes) when new roads are built or existing roads are rebuilt. Denise Chrysler asked how HIAP could dovetail with the MSU assessment tool; Jessica stated that MSU's tool was more related to geospatial/land use issues. Denise also asked how Ingham County would determine if the HIAP changes made to a proposed policy would have unintended consequences; Jessica noted that the assessment tool would include dimensions designed to identify any consequences. This HIAP initiative would apply only to Ingham County, but other local governments (such as the City of Lansing) could use it as a model to implement HIAP in their jurisdictions. Jessica's next step will be to discuss the materials she distributed to the group with the BOC.

2. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update - Joel Murr (ICHD)

Janine Sinno stated the CHIP priority areas had been established; the next step in the process will be for the priority area work groups to come back together with their plans to finalize the CHIP. Joel Murr noted that this was the first full CHIP that ICHD had developed; much has been learned at the group moved through the process. Denise Chrysler asked how the CHIP fits in the Community Health Assessment; Linda Vail stated that the priority areas for the CHIP are developed based off the issues identified in the assessment. Jessica Yorke noted that the non-health community partners working to develop the CHIP have been extremely enthusiastic about the process. They have also expressed interest in identifying how what their organization does impacts the health of residents in the community.

3. Updates on Strategic Plan Workgroups - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento stated that she'd worked with Commissioner Teri Banas to draft a letter to the MSU Board of Trustees congratulating them on their work to make the MSU campus a tobacco free zone. A copy of this letter was sent out to the BOH board members; Molly asked that any feedback be sent to her so the letter can be revised prior to sending. This will also be used as the base for a future letter to the editor of the Lansing State Journal. Molly and Denise Chrysler are working to put together a presentation for the BOH on the Tobacco 21 initiative. A bill has been introduced in the MI Senate to prevent local governments from banning the sale of tobacco to people under the age of 21; this is something the BOH will pay attention to if/as it moves forward. No other workgroups had updates at this time.

4. Public Health Update - Linda Vail (ICHD)

Linda Vail discussed the success of the mobile health events ICHD had been holding at various locations in the community. These events provide a variety of medical services free of charge, including health screenings and connecting people to care. Four more mobile events are planned before the end of 2016. Linda noted that Sparrow had been an excellent partner in making these events a success. ICHD is also working to identify grant/donation opportunities that could allow the purchase of a new mobile clinic with updated equipment. Linda and Sarah Bryant (ICHD Health Promotion & Prevention Manager) recently attended a conference that focused on mobile clinics. Linda stated that ICHD continues to work with community partners on the Invest Health grant; they are working to put together a community development project in southwest Lansing that improves long term health outcomes.

Linda noted that the Opioid Task Force would be presenting at the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) conference in Kalamazoo next week. The focus of their presentation will be the efforts made to combat and address opioid use and overdoses in Ingham County. Linda has been asked to give a presentation on health to the Chamber of Commerce; she's working to have the focus of her presentation be on the opioid epidemic. Linda informed the group that in response to a complaint from an Ingham County employee in another department, ICHD would be putting forth a resolution to the BOC banning the use of electronic smoking devices in Ingham County buildings. ICHD will also be seeking approval from the BOC to establish the Human Services Building as a smoke-free property. Molly Polverento stated that she believed the BOC would be supportive of these measures.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.