

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER: None.

In attendance for meeting: Martha Adams, Jan Bidwell, Debbie Edokpolo, Jaclynn Lloyd, Joel Murr, Molly Polverento, Nino Rodriguez, Abby Schwartz, Janine Sinno, Derrell Slaughter, Lynn Stauff, Steph Strickling, Linda Vail, Jessica Yorke.

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 by Chairperson Molly Polverento. Molly called for a review of the September 2017 minutes. Linda Vail noted that the project title for the Blue Cross Blue Shield grant proposal was incorrect; Steph Strickling will make the adjustment. The September 2017 minutes were moved for approval by Derrell Slaughter and supported by Nino Rodriguez; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Additions to Agenda: Molly Polverento added voting on the new BOH bylaws as Item #1 on the agenda.

Limited Public Comment: None.

Announcements: Molly Polverento noted that elections for the new BOH Chairperson and Vice Chairperson would take place at the December BOH meeting. She asked that any interested members email her and Steph Strickling so a ballot can be prepared.

1. Bylaws Approval - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento reminded the group that while they had discussed and finalized updates to the BOH bylaws at last month's meeting, they had not voted to formally accept the new version. Approval of the update BOH bylaws was moved for approval by Lynne Stauff and supported by Nino Rodriguez; the motion was carried and the bylaws were approved.

2. Strategic Plan Workgroups - Molly Polverento

Molly Polverento asked the workgroups if they had any updates. She would like the ICHD managers responsible for each workgroup's areas to plan on meeting with their workgroup directly before the next BOH meeting (from 11:30am to 12:00 pm). Derrell Slaughter stated that he had recently met with Regina Traylor who said that having BOH get word out to the community about the many services ICHD provides would be helpful. Jan Bidwell noted that earlier this year, a letter of support from the BOH and Board of Commissioners for breastfeeding was prepared. Derrell told this group this letter had been put on hold but revisions were being made and it would hopefully be finalized soon.

3. Raising the Age Presentation - Derrell Slaughter, Jessica Yorke (ICHHD)

Derrell Slaughter and Jessica Yorke gave a presentation on the Raise the Age initiative. The goal of this initiative is to stop the automatic prosecution of 17 year olds as adults rather than children. Legislation to change this practice in Michigan will be introduced later this year or early next. They distributed several handouts to the group that provided information on the initiative and showed a news story about a recent meeting held with community stakeholders, including Prosecuted Carol Siemon and Sheriff Scott Wrigglesworth, both of whom are supportive of efforts to change the law. Jessica noted that ICHD's involvement with Michigan Power to Thrive had led to increased involvement with criminal justice initiatives, as they do have potential to impact the health of the community. Sheriff Wrigglesworth stated at the community meeting that 17 year olds must be kept separate from the rest of the population when they are

held at the Ingham County Jail; this can create logistical issues and lead to the children essentially being held in solitary confinement while they are in the facility. He and others believe the children would be much better served at the Ingham County Youth Center, although everyone acknowledges that additional funding for the Youth Center would be needed if this law changes. Jessica thanked Jackie Lloyd for her development of promotional materials for the group. Nino Rodriguez asked what the process to change this law would be; Derrell stated that it would be through legislation at the state level. Jessica noted that an advocacy toolkit was available at <https://www.raisetheagemi.org/>; she encouraged anyone who is interested in how they can help/become more involved with the issue to check it out. Jan Bidwell stated that someone from the organization had recently presented to the House Criminal Justice Caucus. Abby Schwartz asked if recidivism rates were taken into consideration when looking at the potential cost savings of this measure. Jessica stated that she wasn't sure how that was being counted, but it would be included as part of the impact assessment. Molly Polverento asked what the timeline was for this initiative; Derrell stated that a timeline for the cost study would roll out towards the end of this year/beginning of next year. Molly suggested the BOH consider passing a resolution in support of Raise the Age. Jessica notified the group that she could make sample resolutions available if they'd like. Molly stated that the BOH would discuss the issue over the next few months. Jane asked if crimes committed by 17 year olds were eligible for expungement; Jessica stated that she didn't have much info on this issue but that local judges would be a good resource. Jan also brought up the criminal justice issue of people being held in jail because they can't afford bail to get out. Derrell noted that the American Civil Liberties Union had recently begun examining that issue.

4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update - Joel Murr (ICHD), Janine Sinno (ICHD)

Joel Murr and Janine Sinno gave an update on the progress of the CHIP. The CHIP provides an outline or ways to improve the overall health of our community; the process of developing it is led by ICHD but there are many other local organizations participating, including hospitals and non-profits. A flyer inviting people to attend the Stakeholder Kickoff meeting was distributed; any interested BOH members are welcome to attend. Janine noted that the previous assessment had identified five priority areas that needed attention: access to primary care, access to quality care, chronic diseases, financial stability/economic mobility, and behavioral/mental health. A handout summarizing these was distributed. The partnership organizations who worked on the previous CHIP developed strategies and goals for addressing these priority areas that will be followed until 2020. Completing the CHIP is a requirement for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) but it's also extremely beneficial for the community as a whole. Janine is working to track progress being made by partner organizations to ensure their goals are being met. Molly Polverento asked if the CHIP was still being developed as a tri-county (Ingham, Eaton, Clinton) effort, Joel stated that it was.

5. Public Health Update - Linda Vail (ICHD)

Linda Vail noted that several ICHD staff members had presented at the recent Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) conference in Mackinaw; all presentations were well-received. Opioid use/addiction (with the increased presence of fentanyl) continues to be a major problem in the community and across the country; as a result, Linda continues to present on the issue regularly. Linda has also been recruited to work on a State of Michigan group tasked with evaluating and potentially adjusting safe drinking water standards. Russ Kolski has resigned as the Deputy Health Officer/CHC Executive Director; interviews to fill the position have been scheduled. Linda noted that the Invest Health Initiative was currently wrapping up. Jessica Yorke gave a brief overview of the initiative which allowed many community partners to come together to align improving community health with community development. Five potential projects for South Lansing were pitched, ultimately the group decided to pitch an expansion of the South Side Community Coalition (which now owns their building). The Ingham County Land Bank will be selling the organization two \$1 parcels of land behind their building for Beacon Southwest, a new recreational area that will include a soccer field. This development will take place on an accelerated timeline with a ribbon cutting planned for May 2017. The Invest Health group will be traveling to a conference in New Orleans next month to look for additional funding and development opportunities. Three Hepatitis A cases have been identified in the community in the last couple of months. Linda stated that vaccination events have been held at local shelters as two of the known

cases were living in them. Healthcare employees who may come in contact with infected individuals are also being encouraged to obtain a vaccination. Food handlers are also now included in the target group of people who should receive the vaccination. There is currently a large outbreak taking place in southeast Michigan; it appears that one of the Ingham County cases is connected to this outbreak.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S Cedar Street in Lansing.