

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) – Conference Room C
Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR August/September: Update BoH member's info with NALBOH, Garry to invite BWL to give a presentation at the October meeting.

In attendance for meeting: Denise Chrysler, Debbie Edokpolo, Molly Polverento, Joel Murr, Dilhara Muthukuda, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Dr. Shoyinka, Derrell Slaughter, Lynne Stauff

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm by Board Chair Lynne Stauff.

June Minutes- approved

Additions to Agenda: None

Limited Public Comment: None

Announcements:

Lynne opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have suffered in Dayton, OH and El Paso TX.

Garry shared that he would like to invite the Board of Water and Light (BWL) to give a presentation at an upcoming BoH meeting. Lynne suggested that the October meeting might be a good time to have BWL come and speak. Garry stated that the Ground Water Survey Project just finished their 12th township, the 12th township being Onondaga. Garry noted that they have 4 townships remaining and that the State of Michigan is working with Dr. Matson to go back to some of the homes and perform a first and second draw on the wells they have sampled. Garry explained that a study on second draws has never been conducted before. The engineering department noted that there were some corrosive properties in the water chemistry and that they started doing some additional sampling.

Molly volunteered to send the registration material for the state public health conference, October 16 & 17 in Ypsilanti. Dilhara asked if the agenda had been finalized, Molly stated that they were still finalizing the concurrent sessions.

Debbie introduced Dr. Adenike Shoyinka. Dr. Shoyinka shared that she just finished a preventive medicine residency at the University of Michigan last summer and prior to that she was in private practice as an infectious disease physician and then decided to move to public health.

Molly shared that NALBOH had reached out to her in regards to the ICHD BoH vote for the National Association for Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) board of directors. Molly explained that the board gets one vote per open position.

Lynne participated in a leadership meeting for the PHAB accreditation. There was huge participation from area partners. Derrell noted that the Board of Commissioners are about to enter into budget meetings. Lynne asked Derrell if he could provide an update from the Board of Commissioners at upcoming BoH meetings.

1. Introductions/opening comments -- Lynne Stauff

Lynne was asked to apply for the NALBOH board of directors, the results will be announced at the NALBOH conference in Denver. Lynne reminded the board that they had chosen behavioral health and mental health access as their priority for the next couple of years. BoH members are to review the CHIP to identify strategies to interact with the community around that goal.

2. Advisory Board of Health Presentation - Denise Chrysler

Denise explained that most of the NALBOH board of directors come from governing boards of health and that approximately 87% of state's boards of health are governing boards. She further explained that currently there isn't a legal requirement to have a board of health.

Denise shared her background noting that she does public health law as a living, noting that she serves on the Public Health Advisory Council to the Governor and currently works with Network for Public Health Law. Denise explained that a big focus of the Network is how to use law to protect the public's health. Denise shared the benefits that public health and public health law have had on the longevity of human life. Denise explained that there has been a broadening on how we view public health. Governmental public health is the center with the idea the health director is the chief strategist for the community who brings in all of the players who affect public health. The Health Officer and everyone on the Health Officer's team needs to know the public health legal framework and how they fit within that framework. Access to capable public health council is very important for local health departments. Denise defined capable council as access to attorneys who understand that public health has broad and flexible powers and can help the Health Officer and the Health Officer's leadership team find legal solutions and find pathways to take appropriate action. A legally prepared health department also knows how to educate and inform the public about legal action and how to communicate when the Health Officer has chosen not to take legal action. There is also a responsibility to evaluate, advocate and improve the law. Denise explained some of the tools that were created to help Health Officers and leadership teams make important public health decisions. Denise noted that the Michigan Public Health Code lists local public health as our first and primary responders and local public health has parallel responsibilities to state public health. She went on to explain that the Health Officer has certain powers to protect the public from public health threats. Denise explained the role of the BoH stating that the Board of Commissioners may appoint a BoH, ICHD's BoH is advisory and as an advisory board they have a voice in the community and to the Board of Commissioners, members have relationships throughout the community giving them a unique voice.

3. Public Health Update- Joel Murr

Joel stated that ICHD had its PHAB visit that lasted a day and a half, and that it was a positive experience. He noted that we will hear in November whether or not ICHD was accredited or if ICHD will be given an

action plan. Debbie thanked Joel and Adrienne on a job well done preparing ICHD for the PHAB visit. Joel stated that ICHD is doing better things because of PHAB. Joel noted that State of Accreditation will come through in March.

Meeting adjourned 1:01 pm

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in Conference Room C at the Ingham County Health Department, located at 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing.