



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Board Members Present

Bob Burie
Mark Jasper

Tom Trudgeon
Tom Elegeert

Bernie Lang

Board Members Absent

Mary Harrington (excused)

Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Acting Health Officer/ Administrator
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director
Casey Young, Community Health Promotion Director
Sharon Engelsjerd, Executive Secretary

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The November 9, 2011, meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health was called to order at 4:30 p.m. CST by Chairman Lang. Roll call was taken and is recorded above. (Though not present at roll call, Mr. Jasper arrived at 4:34.)

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Trudgeon requested that Audit Funding be added as item 3a.

Mr. Burie moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion was supported by Mr. Trudgeon and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Trudgeon moved that the minutes of September 21, 2011 be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Elegeert and carried.

3a. Audit Funding

According to the August 17 meeting minutes, a proposal was to be presented to the Board in the September meeting to address a change in the Health Department's audit procedures and funding. Absent from the September meeting, Mr. Trudgeon asked if that change had been addressed. Mr. Snyder said information was still being collected

on the subject, and he anticipated the proposed change would be presented in the December meeting. The issue remains open at this time.

4. **Educational Session: WIC & Peer Counseling**

Casey Young, PHDM's Registered Dietitian and Breastfeeding Coordinator, reviewed the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program at PHDM. Last year PHDM received about \$250,000 of this federal funding. The program serves low and moderate income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 years who have a nutrition-related health problem. The PHDM program includes a nutritionist and three nurses who have received special training to be Lactation Specialists.

This year PHDM received a \$44,000 grant for a WIC Peer Counseling Program. The goals of the program are to increase the number of women who breastfeed their infants, increase the duration of their breastfeeding, and provide support to women throughout the infant's first year of life. PHDM has hired a Peer Counselor who will support WIC moms individually and through classes, providing educational materials, resource information, referrals when necessary, and equipment to aid them in their breastfeeding efforts. WIC and this Peer Counseling Program will encourage moms to breastfeed and so help moms and babies be healthier and happier

5. **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Frankovich reported:

- The flu is currently sporadic locally and nationally, but it is expected to peak around February. Studies have shown that the flu vaccine is 80% protective for 2- to 7-year-olds and 60% protective for adults less than 65 years. (Studies for other ages are not conclusive.) Technology is addressing ways to increase the protection. For example, Fluzone is available at an increased cost to provide a higher dose for senior citizens. Although Fluzone has been shown to increase antibody levels, it is yet to be proven whether this actually decreases the occurrence of disease.
- Some whooping cough cases have been identified in Delta County. Information has been sent to the media, healthcare providers and schools.
- Gardasil is a vaccine that has been recommended for 9- to 26-year-old females for the prevention of cervical cancer. It is now also recommended for males. This vaccine gives protection against human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. Gardasil has been found to be most effective if the vaccine is received before sexual activity.

6. **Health Officer Report**

Mr. Snyder reported:

- We have administered about 1100 doses of flu vaccine and have about 1100 still on hand. We administered 287 doses in our drive-thru clinic held on October 8th in the Health Department's front parking lot. The clinic went well in its new location and clients' comments were very favorable.

- PHDM had hoped to meet in November with the Union Bargaining Unit to negotiate a new contract. However, the meeting had to be rescheduled and is now tentatively set for December 8th.
- PHDM is currently reviewing the Department's health insurance based on the new state law that requires 80/20 or a cap. A proposal will be presented to the Personnel Committee and brought before the Board.
- Mr. Snyder attended Michigan's Public Health Conference in October. The workshops provided him with much useful information.
- The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 21st and will include some personnel and financial issues.
- MDCH has not yet provided approval of Mr. Snyder's extension as Acting Health Officer for an additional 12 months.
- Environmental Health has issued a second permit for an alternative On-Site Sewage Treatment/Disposal System.
- PHDM continues to search for someone to fill the Environmental Health Specialist position.

7. **Public Comment**—None

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jasper with support by Mr. Elegeert to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. CST.


Chairperson

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