

Regular Meeting of February 24, 2014

The regular meeting of February 24, 2014 at the Marion office was called to order at 6 p.m. by Dr. Graham.

Dr. Braid, Dr. Davis, Dr. Dixon, Mr. Duty, Mr. Gentry, Dr. Graham, and Mr. Melvin were all in attendance. Dr. Leek was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin, seconded by Dr. Dixon to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to the approval of bills, Mr. Duty made a suggestion to obtain quotes for insurance policies. This will be added to the agenda for the next Board of Health meeting on May 12 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Dr. Braid, seconded by Mr. Duty, to concur with the action of the Director on the approval of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Melvin, to accept the quarterly report for this quarter. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Health reviewed the Home Health By-Laws. A motion was made by Mr. Gentry, seconded by Mr. Melvin to approve the Home Health By-Laws as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Koehl discussed with the Board of Health the increase in the retiree health insurance portion that the health department pays due to the Affordable Care Act fees. A motion was made by Mr. Gentry, seconded by Dr. Graham to defer this issue to the next Board meeting to allow Mr. Gentry to research the legalities of the wording in the policy.

Mrs. Koehl proposed a new retiree health insurance plan, to be effective February 24, 2014, for employees retiring after 2/24/2014. A motion was made by Dr. Braid, seconded by Mr. Gentry to defer passage of this plan until the next Board meeting to allow Mr. Gentry to research the legalities of the wording in the policy.

Mrs. Koehl presented the Board of Health with a revised Health Department Tobacco Use policy that promotes a smoke-free campus at all locations. A motion was made by Mr. Gentry, seconded by Dr. Davis to approve the revised Tobacco Use Policy.

Mrs. Lisa Sorensen, Director of Public Health Nursing, gave statistics on Flu vaccines given and the need for additional education to encourage more members of the community and staff to participate. Mrs. Sorensen discussed currently having an ample supply of tuberculin allowing our agency to offer TB testing to the public again beginning next Monday after experiencing a supply shortage.

Mrs. Angela Cobb, Director of Home Health Nursing, discussed the continued effort with The Orthopaedic Institute of Southern Illinois to provide skilled care to patients who will have a new out-patient procedure called the Uni-knee. Mrs. Cobb also discussed the anticipation of a State survey in the near future. Mrs. Cobb informed the Board of Health that one Registered Nurse and one Certified Nursing Aide has retired and two new employees have been hired to fill those vacancies.

Mr. Tony McEntire, Director of Environmental Health was absent. Mrs. Koehl presented statistics on Environmental Health programs which included food, water, sewage and rabies reports.

Mrs. Carrie Eldridge, Director of Health Education reported on the activities of the Health Education Division including citations that have been written to establishments for violating the Smoke-Free Illinois Act.

Ms. Ronda Koch, Director of Emergency Preparedness reported on the activities of the Emergency Preparedness Division to include updating staff Emergency Preparedness binders, SNS Assessments and planning for a workplace violence training.

Mrs. Koehl provided an update on the Affordable Care Act In-Person Counselor grant. She reported to date the number of people enrolled for health insurance through the Illinois Insurance Marketplace and Medicaid.

Mrs. Koehl informed the Board that the Community Transformation Grant will be ending prematurely on September 29, 2014.

Mrs. Koehl notified the Board of Health members of the expiration dates of member's terms. Mr. Melvin, Dr. Davis, Dr. Braid, and Mr. Gentry all have agreed to continue to serve on the Board of Health for another term.

Mrs. Koehl presented the Board of Health Members with an updated meeting schedule. The meeting of November 13th has been moved to November 6th.

Mrs. Koehl informed the Board of Health Members that the next board meeting will be on May 12, 2014 at the Marion office.

A motion was made by Dr. Dixon, seconded by Dr. Braid to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.


Eric Graham, M.D., President


Stephen Leek, D.C., Secretary