

HEALTH BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2013

Wayne County Health Department

Multipurpose Room

PRESENT: James Howell, M.A., Chairperson
Richard Siebert, DVM, Vice-Chairperson,
Elizabeth Bennett, RN
Paul Rider, M.D.
John Lebo M.A.
Patricia Ravinet
Jon Igelman, M.D.
David Keller, M.D., Health Officer/Secretary of the Board of Health
Eric Coulter, MBA, Ed.D., Executive Director
Kathy Jordan, Secretary

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Chris Beeson, Liaison, Phil Morpew, Indiana Primary Health Care Association,
(IPHCA) Rick Boston, Department attorney

ROLL CALL

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

James Howell called the meeting to order and it was determined that there was a quorum and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on November 15, 2012 which were mailed to Board members. Dr. Siebert made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Igelman. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Each member received a copy of the Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Keller gave an update on flu shots, and confirmed that Wayne County has had one death related to the flu. He commented that this was an older person with other health issues. Dr. Coulter reported that to date we have given over four thousand flu vaccines, and the flu shot clinics have been extended through the end of January. Some shortages of vaccine have been reported in some parts of the country.

Dr. Coulter reported to the board it looks very favorable that County Council will approve hiring a physician and an LPN at their February meeting. Chris Beeson also thinks Council is in agreement of creating this position and the salary discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Lebo made a motion to nominate James Howell as board chairperson and Dr. Siebert as vice-chairperson, Dr. Jon Igelman seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Coulter introduced Phil Morphew, CEO of the Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) and the board members, and guests introduced themselves.

Mr. Morphew gave an explanation of how the IPHCA functions help community health centers and explained the benefits of becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). At this time there are no FQHC's in east central Indiana. Mr. Morphew explained the difference between a FQHC and FQHC Look-a-like status. Mr. Morphew went on to explain why a FQHC should be in Wayne County. Indiana has lagged behind in community health centers and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funding. Mr. Morphew said transforming the organization into an FQHC would expand services, such as dental care and mental health and additional funding to care for the uninsured, and would recommend Wayne County pursue FQHC Status.

Dr. Coulter introduced Rick Boston to discuss the ordinance passed by the Commissioner's regarding "buy local." Mr. Boston explained the "buy local" ordinance regarding purchasing supplies and services in Wayne County and adjoining counties. Mr. Boston also spoke about the Indiana Code regarding purchasing. Jim Howell and the board members thanked Rick for his work on this issue.

Dr. Coulter presented some issues regarding Reid Hospital possibly putting a clinic in the six-hundred building and the effect it would have on the clinic if this were to happen.

Dr. Coulter showed the Board information regarding a "Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement HRSA grant that we decided not to apply for because of the short notice of the due date. Reid is applying for this grant and they want to assign a Community Health Worker to the Wayne County Health Clinic to improve health outcomes for patients. Discussion followed regarding this and it was the general consensus of the Board that we should cooperate with Reid's request for a limited time if necessary and see if it is too much of a strain on clinic personnel.

Dr. Coulter told the board that a meeting with the Commissioner's is scheduled soon to discuss pursuing Federally Qualified Health Center Status.

Dr. Coulter reminded board members that representatives from the Indiana State Dept. of Health will be here for a visit on Friday, and invited everyone to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21,2013 at 12:00 (noon) in the multipurpose room at the Wayne County Health Department.

Dr. Rider made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Igelman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Howell, Chairperson

Date

