

HEALTH BOARD MEETING
April 4, 2019
Wayne County Health Department
Multipurpose Room

PRESENT: John Lebo, M.A. Chairperson
Jeff Butler, M.A. Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Bennett, RN, B.S.
Jon Igelman, M.D.
Paul Rider, M.D.
Peter Zaleski, RPH
David Keller, M.D. Secretary
Eric Coulter, MBA Ed.D, Executive Director
Julie Floyd, B.S., Executive Secretary

GUESTS: Kim Flanigan – COO/Clinic Supervisor
Cathy Linville - Immunization Nurse
BethAnn Perkins
Richard Boston – Attorney
Jeff Plasterer – Liaison

ROLL CALL

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

John Lebo called the meeting to order, determined there was a Quorum, and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from February 21, which were mailed to the Board members. Dr. Rider made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Igelman. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Each member received a copy of the Agenda.

Mrs. Richard (Mary) Siebert sent a thank you note for the Health Board, each member had a chance to read the note and remembering our dear friend, Dr. Richard Siebert.

BethAnn Perkins was a guest student, sitting in to learn more on Public Health as she continues her education toward her Bachelor's degree in Nursing.

OLD BUSINESS

Syringe Exchange Program- The first quarter was reported by Kim Flanigan. The return rate is at 88%, 7424 syringes were returned and 8464 syringes were given out.

The program is distributing one syringe for one syringe, not including new participants.

The program has 44 new participants with 91 active participants, during this quarter we had 216 repeats and 12 actively in rehab. The state requires the program to keep track of participants referrals or questions; the top three are 1.) Substance abuse 2.) Medical care, 3.) help with insurance.

Eleven HIV test were given 0 reactive, 11 Hep C test were given with six reactive.

The switch in the community is less heroin being used and more meth. Heroin is still number one in use, but meth is a close second.

Vaccines are available twice a month at the exchange, for Hep A and B, and TDAP. The most common age range of participants is 30-50, one over 70 years old and two over the age of 20.

The percentage of males participants are higher than female participants.

Immunization grant-- awarded \$247,000, according to the ISDH immunization officer, Dave McCormick, this was the best grant written and covers all aspects viewed as vital by ISDH, our BethAnn Perkins wrote the grant along with help from Cathy Linville and Kim Flanigan. BethAnn was impressed with the amount of Hep A vaccines given in a short period of time after the Hep A outbreak started.

Kim Flanigan, COO and Cathy Linville, Immunization coordinator, explained the importance of being vaccinated. This is an important topic with the outbreak of illnesses. We also do billing to Medicaid and Medicare for the vaccines given. In 2018 10,571 vaccines were given. Public Health is also community health to protect the individual we must also protect the community. The protection of the individual and the community is a symbiotic relationship and to aid in the eradication of preventable diseases often seen in child population. Discussion followed on the value of vaccines and issues with anti-vaccers.

At the end of March the Clinic gave out 4619 doses of Hep A. During our Hep A clinic over 400 Hep A vaccines were given. Booster shots are available.

Peter Zaleski asked about the expectations of the Immunization grant. Dr. Coulter mentioned vaccines cannot be purchased with this grant money. The services and cost that the county pays for is reimbursed by this grant. It allows us to do advertising. Kim Flanigan and BethAnn Perkins reported the state would like to see an increase in the HPV vaccine and more education for parents and extra clinics to discuss with parents and children, also the state wants everyone in the community that gives vaccines to be on the registry and educating the community.

The state wants to see more educational outreach to the community, which our application covers well. Last year we were awarded half of the amount of money awarded this year, this year the Hep A impact helped increase the award amount.

Training and travel are also included in this grant.

Peter asked about filling the vacancies on the board and Rick Boston responded, this has been put on the back burner until after mediation per Ron Cross, and Jim Williams. The Board is working on a list to present at the next Health Board meeting. Rick explained the statue of the board and adding members.

Peter had seen a fund report and asked about a \$7000 expenditure made for this grant.

Eric explained the cost of writing the grant saved the county a lot of money and it was worth spending the money to receive \$247,000. The \$7000 was paid out of health funds.

The next board meeting will be May 23, 2019 at noon.

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



John Lebo, Chairperson

5-23-2019
Date