

HEALTH BOARD MEETING

August 15, 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.
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: Patricia Ravinet

GUESTS: Chris Beeson, Liaison, Mark Linderman, Environmental Health Specialist

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 May 10, 2013 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Beeson commented on the budget process by council and how the property tax is distributed.

He also commented on the health department request for a part-time employee to go to full-time and the advantage, in his opinion of employing two part-time employees that would provide more work hours.

Dr. Coulter commented that because of other changes in the 2014 budget the costs for a part-time becoming a full time position is offset by the savings. Dr. Rider commented that the full-time position will pay for its self because this position would help people qualify for Medicaid.

Mr. Howell said the board appreciates the information given by Chris.

Mark Linderman gave an update on the search for a clinic physician. Mark reported that the company selected is "The Hire Connection", based in Missouri. They conducted an interview with Kim Flanigan

and Dr. Keller regarding the qualifications needed in a physician. Health department personnel checked their references and got very positive feedback.

Representatives from The Hire Connection were in Richmond last week to visit the clinic and look around at schools, and housing. They did comment that the salary offered was very low and asked if it could be negotiated. Board certification was discussed by the board and advantages of practicing in a Rural Health Certified clinic.

Dr. Igelman made a motion to support the health departments contracting with The Hire Connection. John Lebo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Coulter gave an update on the FQHC status. We have contracted with a firm for the application process. We are starting to review the by-laws and user board appointments. Dr. Coulter reminded everyone that we will need flexibility and co-operation from the County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Howell commented that is has been awhile since we have officially met. Dr. Coulter commented that although the board has not officially met in the past few months, he has met with individual board members approximately nine different times.

Dr. Coulter reported that we will be receiving a \$20,000 grant for flu and immunizations promotion from the Indiana State Department of Health.

Dr. Coulter updated the board on meeting with some members of the finance committee. Dr. Coulter told the board that we increased our estimated revenue to \$1,300,000 for the budget year 2014, but the end of year balance could be as low as \$546,000. The revenue is down this year because of learning a new electronic medical record system which meant a reduction in patient scheduling, and loss of a Physician Assistant and the orthopedic group last July. Dr. Rider commented that we need to increase the productivity of the care providers. Dr. Coulter said that Dr. Halsted is going to part-time in October and with the savings of her salary and benefits we would like to have that savings, approximately \$56,000, put into a contractual line item to provide care for patients with maybe contracting with a Physician Assistant, and mental health services. Dr. Coulter also reported that the number of Medicaid patients is still increasing.

Dr. Coulter showed the tax distribution over the last several years with 2010 and 2011 being the lowest. Chris confirmed that we will be receiving approximately \$700,000 this year. Dr. Coulter explained the cost to run the department and the County contribution is only about 20 to 25 % of that cost. Dr. Coulter talked about the economic development of the county and the need for our services.

Mr. Howell said a special meeting may be needed in the next few months.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 19, 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

