

HEALTH BOARD MEETING

August 25, 2016
Wayne County Health Department

Multipurpose Room

PRESENT: John Lebo, Chairperson
Jeff Butler, Vice-Chairperson
Paul Rider, MD
Richard Siebert, DVM
Pat Ravinet, B.S.
Eric Coulter, MBA, Ed.D, Executive Director
Julie Floyd, Secretary

ABSENT: Elizabeth Bennett, Jon Igelman, and Dr. Keller

GUESTS: Kim Flanigan and Mark Linderman

ROLL CALL

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

John Lebo called the meeting to order and it was determined that there was a quorum and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from June 30, 2016 which were mailed to Board members. Dr. Siebert made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Rider. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Each member received a copy of the Agenda.

Dr. Coulter started the meeting explaining to group why Dr. Keller was not at the meeting; Dr. Keller is very committed and didn't feel good about missing the meetings. Scheduling conflicts were the reason Dr. Keller is unable to be at the meeting and Dr. Coulter explained he made the decision to switch some of the meetings, resulted in Dr. Keller's absence. Dr. Coulter indicated he did not like to change the schedules unless it is absolutely necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lance court case

Dr. Coulter introduced Mark Linderman to speak on the outcome of the Lance court case. This case was heard by Judge Todd; Dan Burk testified and did a very good job explaining the situation of the home. Mark stated the home is owned by the Cox family and the Lances' are buying on contract. The Health Department has been working on housing cases for over a year, this is the first time a home owner has been taken to court. The Lance's have 60 days to vacate the house. The health of the family is an issue. Mark reported the housing issues are on the rise and receiving more calls every week. This issue is happening all over the state and no one has an answer to the situation. The Cox's would like to see the house torn down due to deplorable conditions.

Union County

Dr. Coulter spoke on the Union County commissioners appointing a board member they should have not appointed. The county attorney reviewed it and said they could not appoint this person; certain requirements need to be met. The Union County health board appointment was not following state rules.

Zika

Mark spoke on the Zika situation, in Indiana 27 cases have been reported. Reid has three cases of children with Zika like symptoms. The individuals do missionary work and have been in South America. Tests have been requested from the state department of health, confirmation or non-confirmation may take at least a week. Public information and a community effort are important and everyone is taking precautions. They are working on a vaccine it is not ready for humans at this point.

Syringe Exchange Program

The syringe exchange program begins August 25, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Centerstone.

Dental Grant

Dental Grant Update – Kim Flanigan gave the board information about the program. A consultant is getting information and quotes and working with two different companies in this area for equipment. Health Department is ready to hire a full time dental hygienist; this person will work on pulling the projects together to get a dental assistant and receptionist. Patients may be seen in six weeks. Kim and Dr. Coulter will be talking to one dentist this week and the dentist from Union County next week. Kim explained the time frame to purchase and set up the equipment. Portable equipment will be available to use at Head Start, eventually adults. John Lebo asked “when the promotional part will take place”; Kim responded as soon we have all of the equipment and a dentist is hired, software purchased and training complete, things will progress. The clinic has received many phone calls and inquiries from patients as to when the program will start.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Narcan grant was discussed. Dr. Rider asked if the Sheriff’s department was carrying Narcan, Dr. Coulter and Kim Flanigan do not believe they have it available. Dr. Rider commented the First Responders and the Richmond Police are carrying Narcan. Dr. Coulter said the state sent out the grants at the last minute and the health department did not have time to apply. Kim Flanigan said the Health Department is not ready for this type of situation; more knowledge and storage are needed. Dr. Rider believes they are under pressure to use Vivatrol in the jail, which is more complex than the Narcan. Chris Beeson commented the jail has a medical staff of doctors and nurses on duty 24/7, Dr. Rider mentioned the staff should have this as part of their services.

New Grant

Dr. Coulter spoke on the new grant received for Quality Performance of \$33,000 which is good to receive, for the first time being Federally Qualified. The quality performance is based on performance with the diabetic, exams with women, etc. and this incentive is to enhance our electronic health system and training. A reminder call system will also be used for this grant.

Revenue

Dr. Coulter explained the monthly and yearly revenue amounts. Wrap payments were received from September 2015 and revenues are increasing. The revenue is up over last year. All of the Health Center program income such as grants, revenue, and donations will go back to the Health Center not Public Health. The County asked to split the budget, this information has been given to the Auditor, this may become confusing. Dr. Coulter told county any of the operational health center money cannot be used for public health. The County is going to have at least a million dollars in savings. Our revenue forecast and what the accountant has forecasted is accurate. Any excess at the end of the year will have to go into program follow up. With these additional monies we are helping more people than we could ever help before. Dr. Rider asked “if you take in more than you need to fund the health clinic what happens to that money?” Dr. Coulter replied “Ellen our CFO wants to create an enterprise fund where we would have our own separate Health Center fund and all the money would roll back into the Health fund. All future Wayne County Community Health Center HVAC system repairs were also discussed in terms of efficiency and deadline to completion. The county owns the building and considering charging rent to the Health Department.

Reid and FQHC

Pat Ravinet asked where Reid hospital is at on the federally project. Dr. Coulter said Reid hired a consultant still planning and moving on their own. Reid will need a governing board and many other things would have to happen before they will become federally qualified. Dr. Coulter is disappointed they are moving on their own and not working together, “we may hurt each other in the future”. Dr. Seibert asked if the federal government would grant another FQHC in this area, Dr. Coulter explained the process.

Health Department Goal

Pat Ravinet asked “is the ultimate goal for the county not to pay anything to the Wayne County Health Department? Dr. Coulter replied “In Public Health there are statutory obligations of about \$900,000, about three to four hundred thousand is underwritten by our fees. Some of the money is underwritten by public health fees. The county gave the health department \$552,000 for this year. Public Health includes foods, Zika, kids shots public health is saving the county a lot of money. The county has to pay for mandated services, food, housing, septic, vital records, lead, epidemiology, and also a health officer. The state loves the model of public health and clinic under the same roof and that’s why we get a lot of grant money. The clinic is available to serve the needy and will work with all patients to help with payment. Seventy-five percent of our patients pay from the sliding fee scale. The clinic is seeing new patients every week.

Bookkeeper

We are reaching the point of needing an experienced bookkeeper, because of our growth. Federal funds would be available to help pay for the bookkeeper position. The Health Center will need an audit this year which we will have to pay for on our own.

Our goal is having a CFO in town, we have meet with Brady Ware to see if a bookkeeper/account would be possible and the cost would be too high for the county to pay. The Health Department is continuing to look for a bookkeeper.

The next Health Board meeting is scheduled for September 15 at noon.

John Lebo asked to adjourn Dr. Seibert made the motion and Jeff Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John Lebo, Chairperson

Date