

HEALTH BOARD Meeting

January 19, 2017
Wayne County Health Department

Multipurpose Room

PRESENT: John Lebo, M.A. Chairperson
Jeff Butler, M.A. Vice-Chairperson
Elizabeth Bennett, RN B.S.
Jon Igelman MD
Pat Ravinet, B.S.
Paul Rider, MD
Richard Siebert, DVM
David Keller, MD, Secretary of the Health Board
Eric Coulter, MBA, Ed.D, Executive Director
Julie Floyd, Secretary

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Kim Flanigan, COO,DON

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 December 15, 2016 which were mailed to Board members. Dr. Siebert made the motion and it was seconded by Jeff Butler. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Each member received a copy of the Agenda.

John Lebo began the meeting thanking the Health Board and staff for the continued good work of the group.

A motion was presented to elect officers for 2017 Dr. Siebert made the motion and second by Pat Ravinet. The Health Board re-elected John Lebo as Chairperson and Jeff Butler as Vice-Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Coulter played a message left on the voicemail for the clinic; concerning a patient unable to reach someone to schedule an appointment. Kim Flanigan explained the phone procedures for patients and also the phone system.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dental Program update-Dr. Coulter spoke to the group about the dental program and Dr. Hanneman working with us and helping so many patients, two letters were read complimenting the clinic on the great job with the dental and the clinic.

SAC Application- Dr. Coulter explained the process to re-apply for the application and receiving a letter from Senator Joe Donnelly supporting what we do. Dr. Rider added Reid considers they are down 30 providers for this region, mainly in primary care. Dr. Coulter reported that Dr. Deitsch will be bought out by Reid and Dr. Royer is going to the state hospital. John Lebo asked if Dr. Deitsch will still work for us and Kim Flanigan explained he will not be working for us, we will be hiring a full time Nurse Practitioner to fill the position.

Dr. Coulter showed a letter received from a county resident about a septic issue and dispute between two brothers. Mark Linderman went to the home one evening along with sheriff and police to deal with the problem with the brothers.

Dr. Coulter explained the new budget splitting with the public health and health center. Auditor's reduced our budget by \$800,000, Auditor said not to worry county council will work with us on additional appropriations. A second phone call from Auditor saying they will be cutting another \$500,000 or \$600,000. Auditor said to spend the budget as if we had the appropriations. According to the Auditor the reduction was recommended by Local Finance at the State, but County Council would work with us on additional appropriations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revenue for 2015 was compared to 2016 and shows an increase in revenue for 2016. We are up 34% over last year. We need to underwrite \$900,000 for PH in 2017; we generated \$300,000 the county needs to pay \$600,000. The county underfunded us this year. The tax rate was set \$100,000 to \$200,000 below what is should have been. When we split the money we will be giving the county \$600,000 this year. We have paid the county over \$300,000 in rent and indirect cost. Dr. Rider asked if the rent was for the whole building or the clinical side, Dr. Coulter explained we pay 75% of the building rent which is the clinical side. The money has not been split yet, the Auditor is tracking it. The final PPS rate is based on cost at \$225 for Medicaid. After everything is turned in the Myers and Stoffer, the accounting group from the state, if they agree with the \$225 we will get paid the difference between the interim rate and \$225. This will total about \$500,000. The \$225 will apply to any medical and dental. This rate is permanent rate unless something changes within the rules. Dr. Rider asked "if cost went up will we stay with the \$225?" Dr. Coulter explained the rate is based on visits divided by cost. If you are up 10%, example would be getting Union County and the dental program took off and we had to spend 10% more, you can ask for a rate increase. Previously the rate was \$145.

Discussions on repealing the Affordable Care Act, Plan Parenthood, Health Centers, and HIP 2.0 were discussed.

The hiring policy was also discussed.

For 2017 we need to consider expanding the building. Dr. Coulter and the board want to keep everything under one roof, the model the state likes is Public Health and Health Center together.

The expansion would be funded by the Health Center funding and a commerce grant, this will leave people in one place.

Bookkeeper has not been hired we are still working on finding a person. The Clinic is in need of personnel, at least three positions. Dr. Keller believes raising the wages to meet the Reid wage may help keep staff. Outsourcing is also a consideration. Outsourcing may be costly.

Dr. Keller spoke on hiring employees to help improve the revenue.

Jeff Butler made the motion to support Bradley Associates to do the audit for 2016; Dr. Rider seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gaafar will be conducting the audit for the Health Center.

Dental Program will be in place within the next month, the dental software is an issue, waiting on the software to implement with IT.

We did not get the Union County funding; it is possible we may get the funding on the second round, because we had a high score.

Kim Flanigan spoke on the new hiring policy and the changes Human Resources has made.

Syringe Exchange Program Update-Visits continue on a monthly basis. Return visits and more syringes being returning. The Health Department is waiting to hear from the state on additional financial help, possibly doing the program more than once a month.

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

Next board meeting will be February 16, 2017 at 12:00 (noon).

John Lebo, Chairperson

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