

HEALTH BOARD Meeting

May 20, 2015

Wayne County Health Department

Multipurpose Room

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Rick Boston, Attorney, Kim Flanigan, Supervisor of Clinic Operations, Chris Beeson, Liaison

ROLL CALL

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Dr. Siebert called the meeting to order and it was determined that there was a quorum and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from April 16, 2015 which were mailed to Board members. John Lebo 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:

Dr. Coulter reported to the board that he will attend the Council/Commissioner workshop tonight to finalize the salary of the two new Environmental Health Specialists.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Coulter reported to the board that several misunderstandings regarding the Health Department are contributing to confusion about the FQHC status and the user board. Dr. Coulter summarized the meeting with the Commissioners on April 22nd with our consultant, BethAnn Perkins. A slide of the issues raised by Mr. Paust was shown, the most important issue being salaries. Discussion followed regarding the FQHC status.

Dr. Coulter reported that the FQHC site visit will take place at the end of June. We will have a pre-visit conference call on June 4th with the site visit team.

Rick Boston gave an overview of the FQHC requirements and the role of the User Board. He explained the membership of the user board and that fifty-one percent had to be users of clinic services and the rest are community members. The user board will approve some policies for the Health Center but must be in

accordance with County policies. He also explained the Co Applicant agreement with the User Board and the Health Board and its purpose. Rick spoke to the number of times we have met with Council members and Commissioners to discuss the FQHC process. Rick said Ken Paust has requested a meeting with County Council, Commissioners, and the Health Board to discuss the FQHC status. Discussion followed as to the date of the joint meeting. It was decided that Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at 6:00PM would be a good time for the health board. Rick said hopefully their concerns will be brought up and can be explained. He also suggested that a packet of important information be given to the Commissioners and Council members before the joint meeting.

Dr. Rider commented that Reid has no concerns about the health center being FQHC and may benefit because of their Residency program. Dr. Rider also commented that no one fears that the funding will be cut off, it is a long standing program. Dr. Coulter said the program goes back to the 1960's and funding has not been cut and both political aisles support it.

Dr. Coulter asked the board for direction about continuing the FQHC application process. Applications for the New Access Point and the Look-Alike have been submitted. Concerns about the process have been raised by some Council members. Dr. Rider made a motion to support the FQHC NAP and LAL applications that were filed October 6th 2014 and March 17, 2015. John Lebo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Bennett gave an overview of a typical User Board meeting and the kind of policies that have been brought to the board such as Quality Assurance policies and patient surveys.

Dr. Coulter said the State has been very supportive with our application and have given us funding to support these applications.

Dr. Rider spoke to the needle exchange program and how the number of the Hep C cases determines when a county can even begin to plan for the exchange program. There are certain things in the law that have to be taken into consideration before a program in a certain county can go forward. At this time Wayne County is in the fourth quartile with 122 cases reported. Before we can do anything the State has to designate the County for the program. Kim Flanigan said the State is establishing guidelines and the program can be very expensive. Dr. Keller gave information about what Scott County is doing with the exchange program. Dr. Keller also said it is very important to protect the patient's anonymity and the exchange site is very important. Rick said the location has to be approved by the Local Health Department.

Dr. Coulter said we already have a program for needle disposal for diabetics and others.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 12:00 (noon) in the multipurpose room.

Pat Ravinet made a motion to adjourn Dr. Igelman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Richard Siebert, Chairperson

June 25, 2015
Date

