

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN COMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2008
10:00 A.M.

Classroom
220 W. Garfield
Charlevoix, Michigan

MINUTES

PRESENT: Robert Drebenstedt, Charlevoix County
Chris Christensen, Charlevoix County
Jack Jones, Emmet County
Les Atchison, Emmet County
Doug Johnson, Otsego County

ABSENT: David Howelman, Antrim County
Larry Bargy, Antrim County
Allan Bentz, Otsego County

HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:
Gerald Chase, Health Officer
Linda Yaroeh, Deputy Health Officer
Christie Vogelheim, Director of Administrative Services
Jane Sundmacher, Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator
Pat Fralick, Family & Community Health Services Director
Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services
Lynda Bockstahler, Director of Adult Health Services
Carol Paxton, Director of Emergency Preparedness

Jack Jones, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion by Les Atchison to approve the February 5, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted; supported by Chris Christensen. Motion carried. All yeas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION BY YOUTH – (BLUE CROSS/BLUED SHIELD REDUCING YOUTH SMOKING RATES GRANT) - Kristin Maufort, Substance Abuse Specialist introduced a group of high school students from Charlevoix Public Schools that are working through a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to reduce youth smoking. The teens are trained as peer educators, working with 6th grade students in Boyne Falls and Charlevoix. Each of the students highlighted their favorite part of the program. Highlights of the grant are: 1) Media campaign utilizing movie theater, newspaper and

radio advertisement to educate youth on the dangers of cigarette smoking and second hand tobacco smoke. 2) High school students from Boyne Falls and Charlevoix Public Schools trained as peer educators and working with Kristin Maufort, Substance Abuse Specialist, presented three sessions of tobacco prevention curriculum to 6th grade students in Boyne Falls and Charlevoix. 3) High school peer educator students to give presentations to the Board of Health, Boyne Falls and Charlevoix School Boards to share their experiences in presenting tobacco prevention curriculum to 6th grade students. 4) High school peer educator students working with the Tobacco Reduction Coalition in an effort to encourage restaurants to go smoke free.

STAFF REPORTS

HEALTH OFFICER

Gerry shared with the Board the Brief filed in response to the Supreme Court Order filed by our Counsel. The Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health and the Michigan Township Association have also filed Amicus Curiae briefs in support of our position relative to the questions of Legislative authority for the adoption of the public health regulations by the Michigan Local Public Health Departments. The decision to consider the case will be approximately three to four months.

As permitted in the regulation the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners voted to opt out of the enforcement of the Public Health Clean Air Regulation in Charlevoix County. This action will have no effect in Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Gerry also reported to the Board as to the State and local budgetary status and the status of the facility improvement projects in Charlevoix and Gaylord.

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

2007 PRIORITY WORKPLAN STATUS and 2008 PRIORITY WORKPLAN– Linda Yaroch discussed the Department's 2007 Priority Workplan Status.

Each Director reviewed their 2007 Plan and introduced their 2008 plan to the Board. She asked that the Board wait until the next Board of Health meeting to adopt the Plans.

See attached 2007 Priority Workplan Status and 2008 Priority Work Plan
The following areas were presented by:

Access To Care: Linda Yaroch

Family & Community Health Services: Pat Fralick

In addition to presenting her plan, Pat shared a story that reflected how the Family Health staff works together to coordinate as many services as possible for clients during a one time visit to our offices.

Home Health and Aging Services: Lynda Bockstahler

Environmental Health Services: Scott Kendzierski

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Carol Paxton

Administration: Gerry Chase

MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Meyerson

Dr. Meyerson discussed the Petoskey News Review article regarding the flu. As for the current flu season, he said that we are currently in the middle of our seasonal epidemic. He anticipates the number of cases to be decreasing as the epidemic wanes. He also reported that the CDC's Advisory Committee now recommends influenza vaccination for children 65 months through 18 years of age. This new recommendation should reduce the risk of influenza infections among children of all ages.

Dr. Meyerson is presently the Medical Director of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and District Health Department No. 4. He will also serve as an interim Medical Director for the Sanilac County Health Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Robert Drebenstedt made a motion to approve the February bills in the amount of \$1,138,160.76 and the employee's expenses of \$12,193.70, supported by Les Atchinson. All yeas. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

GAYLORD OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT – Gerry reported that since the last meeting of the Board of Health, we were approached by the Northern Substance Abuse Services for possible space in the proposed facility. They require about 6,000 square feet including approximately 1,500 square feet to be used as a conference center. Gerry requested that the previous approval of the execution of the feasibility be modified to a larger size of the facility conditional on the inclusion of an offsetting sublease income.

A motion by Robert Drebenstedt for approval with conditions supported by Les Atchinson. All yeas. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion to cancel the April Board of Health meeting supported by Robert Drebenstedt. All yeas. Motion carried.

The Vice-chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Chase, Health Officer

Jack Jones, Vice-chairperson