

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
FOR OCTOBER 14, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Delaware County Commissioners courtroom on the 3rd floor of the County Building. Chairperson Judi Harris called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Other members present were the following:

Dr. John Peterson
Ms. Phyllis Burks-Beatty
Ms. Terri Townsend

Members absent were the following: Mr. Ben Delk, Dr. G. Costello, and Ms. Ruth Anne Reagan

The minutes were approved.

Bob presented discussion on the budget for 2011. The budget is not finalized yet, but the tentative budget reflects the cuts made by the Board at their June meeting. Bob explained there will be additional cuts going into 2012. We do not know how severe those will be at this time. He also explained there may be continuing revenue shortfalls within the budget year for 2011. We have had that experience for the current year due to economic conditions of the county. Property tax collection has been declining. He advised the Board to be conservative on spending allocations next year until we have a better understanding of any shortfalls in revenue collection.

Chairperson Harris presented discussion on the SPICE ORDINANCE, recently passed by the Delaware County Commissioners. Dr. Peterson feels it is unenforceable due to the chemical makeup of the substance. Also, who would be the enforcement agency? How do you test for usage? He stated you can buy it on the internet. How do you monitor that sale? Chairperson Harris feels it does create a level of public awareness which may help reduce the usage of the product.

Bob announced his pending retirement from the department at the end of the year. He thanked the Board and Health Officer for allowing him to work here for the last 21 years. He offered any assistance to them as time goes forward on budget issues or other questions.

Cecilia discussed the recent Town Hall meeting, held at the Kennedy Library. (See attached). She felt the meeting was well attended, but was disappointed the commissioners were not in attendance. The Board discussed the smoking ordinance issue. After much discussion, Dr. Peterson made a motion to request our attorney prepare a comprehensive no smoking ordinance for their review for their next meeting in November. The motion was seconded by Ms. T. Townsend. The motion passed unanimously. Bob is to get a model ordinance to Mr. Dunnuck for his review and preparation.

Bob discussed the LHD managers meeting which was held in Brown County. Mr. Loren Robertson, ISDH Deputy Commissioner, discussed Dr. Larkin's plans for shared services for public health. It essentially means services currently provided by public health may change to being shared by other organizations, communities, community clinics or hospitals as we move forward. This stems from the recent Health Care Reform Law passed by Congress. Dr. Larkin is establishing a committee at the state level to review

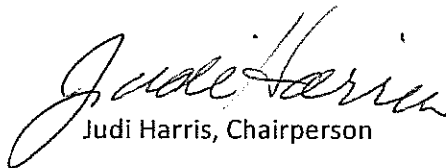
services that are provided and determine a model going forward under the new law. It is important that Public Health have a strong voice in these discussions as we move forward. There is a possibility of change within the new law with the upcoming elections. If there is a political shift within the Congress, then the new law, as written, may be in jeopardy.

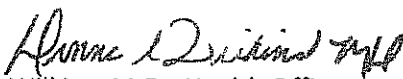
Tamara White discussed the 'ACHIEVE' project as presented by Jo Bett from ISDH. This is essentially a community project to help address chronic disease initiatives within the county. There is funding and guidance available from ISDH. This department or another agency could be the lead component for this project.

Lynnetta Harley discussed recent grant awards from the Healthy Living Take Charge committee. The funds are derived from the Childhood Obesity Fund. These funds are nearing exhaustion.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be November 18, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.


Judi Harris, Chairperson


Donna Wilkins, M.D., Health Officer