

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM at 700 East Oak Street, Canton.

Members attending the meeting were Nancy Schell, Dr. R.U. Gowda, Dr. Ben Phillips, Myrlene Swinger, Vickie Hoke and Judy Brown. Member Barry Beck was absent. Staff attending were Damon Roberson, Theresa Bankert, Robin Henry, Katie Lynn and Jo Campbell.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM asking members if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 19, 2014 or for a motion to approve. Vickie Hoke motioned to approve with Nancy Shell seconding the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Public comments- None

Damon Roberson gave the financial reports for the months of August and September. We received our first installment of real estate taxes in August. No questions about the revenues or expenditures for the month of August. Damon mentioned a discrepancy due to the PIPP program which is a direct withdraw with Ameren. We deem something being paid but they don't retrieve it until the next month. This made the balance off by \$7,000. We also received another installment of real estate tax in the month of September. A question about transfers if we go over the budgeted amount. Damon explained that we only have 6 expenditure line items presented to the County Board. If we go over the line item for personnel we have to go to the County Board to transfer money. There were no other questions. Motion to accept the financial reports for the months of August and September was made by Nancy Schell and seconded by Dr. Gowda. All ayes, motion passed. Reports placed on file.

New Business- The Top 3 Health Issues in Fulton County. Every 5 years we have to do an I-PLAN. We are due to file a new I-PLAN in August of 2015. Katie Lynn will be filing the I-PLAN as part of her internship for her Masters. We will be working on this for the next several months. Katie is getting her Master's in Public Health. Katie will be reaching out to the hospital, Graham Medical Group, school districts, and other community groups. Katie will be organizing this and doing a draft of the I-PLAN. Dr. Phillips believes we should have a list of the top 5 health issues before the initial meeting which will be early in 2015. The current 3 are Obesity, Drugs and Dental Care. Finding the resources to meet these needs is and has always been a problem. We still need to find dental specialist that will take the medical card. Specialty dental care is still a concern. Fitness, Drugs, Prescription Drug Abuse, Obesity, MRSA were added to the list. Access to healthy foods is still a problem. Low income families can't afford to buy the fresh fruits and vegetables. It was mentioned to get the schools or 4-H clubs interested in gardens. Access to health care is still a problem. It is more of an educational thing now. People are not going to the doctor due to the high deductibles. We will take a look at this list at the next meeting. We have to have at least 3 priorities. Part of the IPLAN is developing intervention for the priorities. We will have 2 more meetings before the meeting with the other agencies.

Wellness Resolution- The Fulton County Health Department Wellness Resolution was presented to the Board. It originated with The We Choose Health Grant. We are encouraging employees to make healthier lifestyle choices. We also encourage employees participate in educational programs and healthier eating habits, we have a room with some exercise equipment available, and there was a biggest loser contest for employees held earlier this year, several staff members have been walking

during breaks, and there were also healthy snack options available for purchase. Ensuring smoke free vehicles. We still have a designated smoking area outside the health department. There was discussion about the campus not being smoke free. It was discussed that it would be hard to police in the evenings. A policy to have a smoke free campus will be brought to the November meeting. Dr. Gowda motioned to adopt the Wellness Resolution with Judy Brown seconding the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Old Business- None

Division Reports- Theresa reported for the Family and Community Health Division. Communicable and Infectious disease has been busy. Our emergency preparedness person has been on conference calls with CDC and IDPH. We have had some problems getting our flu vaccine this year. We have received some and have given flu shots to Prison and IDOT employees. Jo is working to get vaccine from a wholesaler. The last of the grant revisions are to go out tomorrow. Farm King held a ladies night out, and Pink Inc., received the proceeds from this event. Pink Inc., funding can be used for hardship cases or those that fall between cracks. Hy-Vee doing a fundraiser. The profits will go to our breast cancer survivors group. Hy-Vee employees putting pink flamingos in people's yards. You can purchase flocking insurance, or pay to have them removed from your yard, or pay more and choose where they go next. If their employees get caught flocking someone they have to pay. The Kiwanis are donating 20 car seats to us. They will be given out as a drawing or hard ship cases.

Katie reported for the Environmental Health Division. There were 31 registrations and 157 temporary food permits for the Spoon River Drive. The Illinois EPA had a tire collection day for townships and municipalities in September at the old IH vacant lot. They collected 14.1 tons of tires. This could become an annual event if we request it. We had positive mosquitoes in Farmington, Vermont and Astoria. There was a positive bird from Canton. We are using a new more sensitive testing method. Students from Western are collecting the samples in Astoria and Vermont and then bringing them here to test. There have been 3 human deaths from WNV reported along with 48 counties with positive humans, birds, mosquitoes and/or horses.


Robin reported one of the chairs in the dental clinics has been retrofitted. We recently had 40 head start children back for checkups and only 3 of those needed treatment. Adults who complete their treatment plans are being offered a free cleaning. Altruistic and I-CARE funds are being used. We are seeing more young adults.

Damon reported that he has been busy listening to conference calls and webinars about Ebola. We received 3 bids for the phone system. We are now waiting on the insurance company. It is still our goal to have the new system installed by the end of this fiscal year. The County has decided to stay with Health Alliance for the employee health insurance. The increase was a little over 5%.

President's report- the evaluations for the Administrator should be done by October 29th.

Vickie Hoke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


R. U. Gowda, MD, Secretary