



ORLEANS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015

Call to Order

Paul Grout called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Members Present

Paul Grout, John DeFilipps, Dr. Jim Robinson, Dr. Sallah Abbasey, Wendy Oakes Wilson

Staff Present

Paul Pettit, Kimberly Castricone, Cathy Miller, David Whitcroft, Brenden Bedard

Members Excused

Dr. David Meza, Wendy Oakes Wilson, Dr. David Bell

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the December 9, 2014 had been provided to board members in advance and again reviewed. Dr. Sallah Abbasey motioned to accept the minutes. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion. This motion was carried.

Public Concerns

There were no new public concerns.

DIVISION REPORTS

Director's Report

Paul reported our consolidated review is slated for the last week of January. All programs will be reviewed at that time.

We are welcoming a new staff member, Sandy Webster, very soon. Sandy is a senior account clerk and comes to us from the nursing home. She will assume immunization billing, rabies billing, contracts and a variety of other duties. We also have new interns beginning with us for this semester.

We expect to hold our dispensing drill in April at Genesee Community College, utilizing staff from both counties.

Mr. Pettit reviewed some grants previously discussed, as well as notification of funding for the medical reserve corps, collaboration with the Albion Running Club for races and programs, and exciting plans for a community garden in the spring.

As discussed previously, Vanessa Vassall, our PHAP associate from the CDC has returned from her assignment in New York City. We hope to apply for, and, secure another PHAP associate in the fall.

Dr. Bruce Baker, medical consultant for both Orleans and Genesee counties, will be retiring in March of 2015. Dr. Alan Barcomb, a general practitioner in Oakfield, will resign his position as board of health president in Genesee County to assume the position of medical consultant.

Nursing Report

Brenden Bedard shared staff has been preparing for the upcoming consolidated review, reviewing policies and procedures, charts etc.

Mr. Bedard hopes to standardize policies and procedures between the counties of Orleans and Genesee as we move forward.

We will be starting an infection control committee using staff from both counties. One Genesee County nurse is certified in infectious disease control. We would hope this committee, once staffed, will meet on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Bedard shared that flu season is upon us and forty-seven (47) confirmed cases have been reported to date.

We are looking into the possibility of electronic health charts.

Environmental Report

David Whitcroft updated the board on problems with the water tank/tower in Medina. We hope to be informed as to plans for this tower maintenance/repair after the village dissolution vote on January 20, 2015.

Sue Papponetti of our environmental division will be meeting with the state and Niagara County to update maps, gauge the number of water lines coming into the county to ascertain if the water supply to Medina could be maintained if the tank should go offline.

Mr. Whitcroft reviewed several notice of violations that had been provided to the board during the last month.

We expect to form a committee between the counties of Orleans and Genesee to work on individual well permitting and processing.

Mr. Whitcroft explained we are "sharing" one of our environmental staff sanitarians from Orleans County with Genesee County. John Rich will be working in Genesee County every Tuesday, each week.

Corporate Compliance Report

There are no current corporate compliance issues. Kimberly Castricone explained there will be a countywide meeting to discuss some updates. The annual corporate compliance training will be coming soon.

Old Business

The RWJ Project, shared services adventure, has come to an end. Paul Pettit will be going to Charlotte, NC next week for a final meeting on this program.

We continue to look into merging the two boards of health. Paul Pettit reports he has been consulting with attorneys at the state level to see what would be involved in merging the two

boards into one board. Board members asked how many members the potential new and combined board would require. Paul Pettit shared the new board would most likely be composed of nine total board members, three of whom must be physicians, one legislative representative from each county and four members representing other areas such as veterinary medicine, agriculture, pharmacy etc. We hope to see a merged board by April of 2015.

New Business

Election of Officers:

Dr. Sallah Abbasey motioned to nominate and re-elect the existing platform of officers as it currently stands, with Paul Grout as president, Dr. Jim Robinson as vice-president and Wendy Oakes Wilson as secretary. Wendy Oakes Wilson seconded the motion as presented. All board members were in favor of the motion. This motion was carried.

Other Business

There was no other business

Adjournment

Dr. Sallah Abbasey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Oakes Wilson seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion. This motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will take place on February 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.