



ORLEANS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 8, 2012

Call to Order

Paul Grout called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

Members Present

Paul Grout, Dr. Jim Robinson

Staff Present

Paul Pettit, Cathy Miller, Kimberly Castricone

Members Excused

Dr. Nancy Ciavarrri, Dr. David Meza, Wendy Oakes Wilson, William Eick, Dr. Sallah Abbasey

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Dr. Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the April 2012 meeting. Board members had received the minutes in advance of the meeting for review. Wendy Oakes Wilson seconded the motion via phone call. Motion carried as a quorum was satisfied by phone.

Public Concerns

There was one public concern. In the last month, we received a letter from Oak Orchard Health Center, sharing they have a patient experiencing some degree of heavy metal poisoning. The source could be his water supply. Previously, one of our environmental staff visited his residence on Kendrick Road, tested the water supply and found some elevated levels that were still in the acceptable range. We made the suggestion he drink bottled water. This gentleman uses a well for his water supply. He had asked the town about accessing the public water supply. He was informed there is no intent to run a water line through this area. To hook him up to the closest water line would cost this resident approximately \$15,000.00 They did offer to allow this resident to come to the town building and fill up jugs of water, for his personal use, at no cost.

This resident then called Senator Schumer's office and expressed his dissatisfaction with the solutions offered. The complaint then went to the New York State Health Department and then was sent back to our local health department. Neither the town nor the health department can provide water to a private residence. A suggestion was made for the gentleman to install a water holding tank and have it filled for his household use. Many residents in the county have poor wells and have to haul water in. At this point in time, there is nothing else we are able to do and Paul will update the board on this situation at next month's meeting.

DIVISION REPORTS

Director's Report

Paul explained grants applications have been completed and are currently being reviewed and approved downtown.

On April 28, 2012 a ***Prescription Drug Take Back Day*** was held throughout the county. There were three different locations-- Medina, Albion and Holley. Over three hundred pounds of drugs and needles were surrendered for proper disposal.

There is not much more to report regarding the state budget. There are expected to be some major changes with the Early Intervention Program in early 2013.

Our plan of corrections from the January 2012 audit is due by late May 2012.

Our intern left last Friday after three months with our department. She has been offered and accepted an environmental position in Genesee County.

Nursing Report

Paul Pettit provided the nursing report this evening.

Paul shared we had a confirmed case of Hepatitis A in our county. A ten year old male was hospitalized and treated at Buffalo Women's and Children's Hospital. He is a student at Medina Elementary School. Our department worked with the New York State Health Department and conducted a thorough investigation. He and his family were treated by our nursing division. We have heard of no additional cases. Following the investigation, we were unable to find a source of the Hepatitis A. A sample has been sent to the Wadsworth Labs for testing purposes.

The Medina School superintendent consulted with Paul to determine if he should send a letter to families of the school district. The superintendent *did* decide to send a letter to the families of each student in the district. Paul worked with the district to develop a generic letter, outlining the symptoms of Hepatitis A.

Dr. Ciavarrri has been working with our department on a suspected case of TB. There is suspicion that this may be a case of cancer, rather than TB. We are waiting for the results of the biopsy.

Dr. Robinson inquired as to the status of Lyme disease in our county. Paul shared there have been no cases in several years.

Environmental Report

The rabies report was provided in advance via email and was also provided in the evening's packets for review.

Our department will hold a rabies clinic in Albion on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 9-noon.

Clark Stritzel has returned seasonally to the environmental division. He is working per diem and conducts many of the weekend food inspections/events.

To date, we have had no reports/decisions from our hearing officer on the hearings discussed at last month's meetings. Our agreement with the hearing officer allows him sixty days to render his written decision.

As discussed last month, investigations of reports or sightings of synthetic marijuana will now be call-based as reported to our department.

Monthly Expenses

The bills for payment were reviewed.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was reviewed.

Corporate Compliance Report

There are no current calls/complaints for corporate compliance.

On April 23, 2012 and April 25, 2012 we conducted our annual corporate compliance training for our all of employees.

Old Business

We have nothing new to report on court ordered HIV testing.

The CHHA sale is complete and we have received a letter from the state acknowledging we are officially out of the home health care business.

Paul recently met with Genesee County to discuss the shared public health director. Conversations are continuing for this potential “pilot” proposal/collaboration. On May 16, 2012 Paul Grout, Wendy Oakes Wilson and Paul Pettit will be meeting with Genesee County board members. Any other available board members are welcome to attend as well.

A “draft” version has been read at the state level and one of the next steps will be to set up a conference call with the state.

New Business

The nursing policy changes as discussed last month were emailed and mailed to all board members for review. Dr. Robinson asked for one change to one document. On the page with the heading, **OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND ORIENTATION**, second paragraph, beginning with ***“confirmation of employment history, or verification of recommendations by two (2) references from other persons unrelated to employee if not previously employed.”*** This section will be moved to the end of the first paragraph on the same page.

With this change, Dr. Robinson moved to accept all nursing policies. Board members had received the policies in advance of the meeting. Wendy Oakes Wilson seconded the motion via phone call. Motion carried as a quorum was satisfied by phone.

The majority of the board had shared with Paul they were in support of the tanning ban letter of support.

Dr. Robinson moved to approve the tanning ban letter of support. Board members had received the proposed letter in advance of the meeting. Wendy Oakes Wilson seconded the motion via phone call. Motion carried as a quorum was satisfied by phone.

Other Business

Nola Goodrich-Kresse presented the annual corporate compliance training to board members.

The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Dr. Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting did conclude at 8:50 p.m.