

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health Meeting

September 15, 2015

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Members present: Chairman Jerry Bolton, Commissioner Bertadean Baker, Ms. Linda Baker, Mrs. Margaret Brake, Dr. Elton Brown, Dr. James Crenshaw, Dr. Dieckmann, Ms. Vivian Loyd, and Dr. Amy O'Malley.

Others present: Andy Smith, Sharon Bartholomew and Tanisha Lyons

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Bolton and with an apology that he could not attend the July meeting due to circumstances beyond his control followed by a moment of silence. Dr. Brown moved we waive the Conflict of Interest Statement and seconded by Dr. Crenshaw. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

There was no public comment.

The May 19, 2015 minutes were reviewed. There being some discussion a correction needed to be made concerning the proper wording as it related to the opening and closing of the closed session. The correction is as follows Dr. Brown moved that the Board go into closed session and seconded by Mr. Killian. Dr. Dieckman moved to adjourn closed session and seconded by Dr. Brown. Dr. Crenshaw moved to return to regular session and seconded by Mr. Killian. Dr. Crenshaw moved accept the minutes and seconded by Ms. Loyd.

Mr. Smith gave the finance report for the closing of fiscal year 14/15, stated the Health Department expenses are at 91% that is without any Medicaid Cost settlement money. The Health Dept will finish with a good ending to the fiscal year. Dr. Brown moved that the finance report be accepted and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Smith also presented the 13/14 budget closing document for comparison. The county funded 15.3% during the last budget year and the current budget year about 30% this was mainly to help with the Home Health program. Dr. Crenshaw moved to approve the closing budget document and seconded by Ms. Loyd. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Smith presented the changes in the Health Dept fee schedule. The price for a pregnancy test is now \$15.00. We tried to bring the fees more in line based up on other agencies and Medicaid reimbursement rate. The fees are to be retroactive July 1, 2015. Dr. Brown moved to accept the changes in the fee schedule and seconded by Dr. O'Malley.

There are no changes in the Environmental Health Fees. For Accreditation efforts we have to compare methodologies with neighboring counties. The fees are to be retroactive to July 1, 2015. Ms. Linda Baker moved to accept Environmental Health fee schedule and seconded by Mrs. Brake.

Mr. Smith informed that the recommended fees are the actual cost of service based on the current Medicare Cost Report. Dr. Dieckman moved to accept the Home Health Fee schedule and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker to be retroactive July 1, 2015. The motion unanimously passed.

The BCCCP fees come directly from the Division of Public Health. Ms. Linda Baker moved to accept the BCCCP fees as presented retroactive July 1, 2015 and seconded by Mrs. Brake. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Smith presented the fees for the flu shot \$30. Dr. Brown moved to accept the fee and seconded by Dr. Crenshaw. The motion unanimously passed.

Home Health update there has been some transition. All positions have been filled with the exception of a Home Health Supervisor. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Kaye Hall are splitting those Supervisory duties. We currently have a contract with Franklin County to do home visits until we get the new nurses trained. We are accepting referrals for Physical Therapy and Nursing visits. There was a surprise state audit last week we received an outstanding report.

Mr. Smith reviewed How Healthy Are Warren Children? This information was provided by the state and done for every county. Some facts 1 in 7 births occur without no or late prenatal care, low birth weight of 1 in 8 babies.

The Accreditation report the site visit was done two weeks ago. We met 146 of the 147 activities and we are recommended for re-accreditation and the State Board will vote by December 11, 2015. The only not met activity was related to a policy for Environmental Health in which we had procedure for. A policy will be drafted soon. The Administrative policy will be brought before the board in November for review.

Mr. Smith gave an update on State Medicaid Reform this process is still on-going between the General Assembly & Governor's Offices. Medicaid is part of a Managed Care Organization any provider that is willing to continue to take Medicaid is allowed to do so. How much change in the rate's because there is a fixed amount that is the potential bad news. At this point local Health Departments ability to bill Medicaid patients are not at risk. The government has 18 months to approve any reform. There will be a 3-5 year phasing period before it becomes fully implemented.

Health Director's Annual Job Performance Review a new evaluation form was presented. The evaluation is directly linked to the performance increase if they get a minimum score. Mr. Smith's evaluation needs to be done before December 31, 2015. Chairman Bolton asked that each member fill out and then it will be compiled.

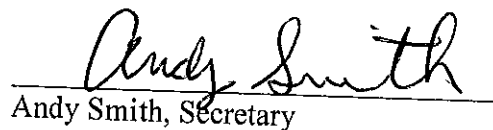
Mr. Smith Director's Report: Mrs. Faye Lynch the Child Health Provider is retiring the end of September. We are currently looking for someone to fill that position they can be a Nurse Practitioner, Physician or Physician's Assistant.

Commissioner Baker thanked the Board for the dish garden that was sent during the death of her brother.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2015. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:


Jerry Bolton, Sr, Board Chairman


Andy Smith, Secretary