OGLE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
June 9, 2009

Members Present: Charles Fisher, Bobbie Colbert, Scott Scull, Dorothy Bowers RN, Mark Myers MD; Greg Reckamp MD, Dan Watson, Estelle Shippert RN
Members Absent: All Present
Nonmembers present: Doreen O'Brien, Linda Warrner, Deb Solorzano, Meggon McKinley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dorothy Bowers

PUBLIC FORUM - No public present

INTRODUCTIONS - Meggon McKinley introduced herself as the new Ogle County Administrator. All Health Board Members introduced themselves, welcoming Ms McKinley to the County. Estelle Shippert also welcomed as a new Board of Health member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Charles Fisher moved to approve Minutes of April 14, 2009 meeting. Dan Watson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT
Financial report was referred to be discussed during Budget.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
In addition to the written report, the Administrator .....
1) distributed an informational bulletin on the H1N1 virus.
2) discussed a new program for Nicotine replacement, "Break the Habit". Health Department was able to obtain an additional $800 from the State for nicotine patches. Program has had a very good response: 52 calls with 20 people taking advantage of the patch. The only requirement is that the participant must call the Quit Line weekly.
3) a letter was sent to the State regarding the TB program requesting an additional $5,000 to cover expenses referring to the expenses involved in the 2 positive TB cases in 2007 and 1 positive case in 2008.

OLD BUSINESS
1)Kings' update: The Township board has hired Fehr Graham Engineering firm, with Noah Carmichael, to assist them in the process of applying for an engineering assessment grant. The Health department did a salary survey of King's residents which was needed for the application. That has been approved and the community is in the process of preparing the grant application.
2) Board of Health Vacancies: There are currently 3 vacancies, one must be filled with a dentist.

NEW BUSINESS
1) Nuisance Ordinance. Currently, Steve Rypkema of Solid Waste, Mike Reibel of Zoning and OCHD's PHA manage the nuisance ordinance. The ordinance is not clear as to which department is responsible for enforcement. Zoning, Solid Waste and the Health Department all have roles. These departments are currently in the process of re-defining the Ordinance. Ogle County does not have a building code. The health department receives no money for enforcing the code either from the State nor from the County. Health board members discussed the nuisance ordinance at length. Many ideas were exchanged and direction for the PHA including eliminating the electrical, plumbing and the possibility of a fee structure.
2) Letter from Dr. Umish Goswami was distributed regarding his patients receiving immunizations from our office. Board felt that the letter required no response or action.
3) Illinois Sewage Code. The State has been drafting a new sewage code over the last 2 years. In this new code, all homeowners that have a private septic system will be required to maintain their systems and prove that they are doing so. This has not yet been finalized.
4) H1N1 Flu. Packets were distributed to health board members, the same packets that were given at the Mt. Morris Kiwaniis presentation. OCHD had an internal committee which met every morning during the H1N1 alert to review updates and joined a daily telephone conference. Information packets were given to Physician offices and to the School Superintendent. Linda Poole did a great job during this time with the constant phone calls received. There were 3 positive cases in Ogle County, all in Rochelle. All are ok. The Health Dept followed its emergency plan, and it has been an excellent learning experience.

Dan Watson motioned to move to executive session to discuss finances and personnel. Scott Scull second. Roll Call vote: Greg R yes; Dan W yes; Estelle S yes; Scott S yes; Chuck F yes; Mark yes; Dorothy B yes; Bobbie C yes; Meggon M yes. Closed session begins; 8:10pm.
Closed session ended and regular meeting resumed at 9:25pm. Board of health members requested that PHA redesign the fee increase scale, and then will reconvene to approve the final financial plan to present to HEW and the Finance Committee.
Meeting set for June 30 at 7pm. Dorothy Bowers to ask Ben Roe if phone vote would be acceptable, and she will let PHA know.
The next meeting is August 11, 2009.
There being no further business, Dan Watson moved to adjourn, Scott Scull seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Submitted by Scott Scull, Secretary (ds)
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