Van Buren/Cass District Board of Health
Minutes
8/14/2019

Meeting was called to order at 3 pm at the Hartford facility. Roll call taken. Board members present were: Chairperson Don Hanson, Dwight (Skip) Dyes, Roseann Marchetti, Vicki Vaughn, Dr. Vincent Cabras and Robert Linderman.

Board members absent: Randall Peat

Health Department Employees Present: Jeff Elliott, Dr. Larry Wile, Julie Beeching, George Kilts, George Friday, Dr. Frederick Johansen, Jennifer Zordan and Tina Cox.

Corrections to July minutes. Actual expenditures are $601,763.41. Difference of $22,932.32. Difference due to: HAS/FSA Plan Administration, Utilities, Barcode Scanners IMM, Telecommunications, PCORI 2nd Quarter Fee, COBRA Billing, Life Insurance, Petty Cash. Payment to Vericor for Cool Cube/Refrigerate, Dental refund and Payroll. Motion by Dyes, 2nd by Dr. Cabras to accept the minutes as corrected. All voting yes, motion carried.

Cash Flow Report was discussed and reviewed. Jeff informed the board the escrow account for the VBISD building project has been transferred. As a result, the amount will no longer be on the Cash Flow report. This amount has been put into the bank and can now be used to withdraw from as needed. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Discussed PFOS funding and what it is being used for. DENTAL: State Plan Amendment has been received; United Way is a joint venture and believes additional funding is possible; currently asking $5,000 annually for veterans.

Expenditures Report: Items reviewed were; advertising for Hepatitis A Campaign; Payment to MI Dept. of Ag for Food licenses; wash stations at VB Youth Fair. Motion by Dyes, 2nd by Marchetti to accept the expenditures in the estimated amount of $593,244.09 for payment. All voting yes, motion carried.

Administrator’s Report: Jeff gave a brief update on the building at VBISD informing the board the closing has taken place. An event is planned sometime in September will keep the board informed. Linderman requested that Freestone be notified when a date has been secured. Jeff stated a fence will be installed Monday and milling of the asphalt will take place in September. This was discussed and reviewed.

Nursing Activities Report for July for Van Buren. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE: There were 36 Animal bites, all non-rabid. There were 2 Campylobacteriosis, 1 Cryptosporidiosis, 38 Cyclosporidiosis, 1 Haemophilus Influenzae, 3 Chronic Hepatitis C, 1 Influenza Virus (Flu), 1 Legionellosis, 2 Lyme Disease, 4 Aseptic Meningitis, 1 Salmonellosis, 1 Spotted Fever, 1 STEC-chiga toxin e-coli and 1 Vibriosis. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: Hartford: 123 vaccines were given to 62 individuals. Other locations: 0 vaccines were given to 0 individuals. Mattawan: 0 vaccines were given to 0 individuals. CSHCS: 4 Nursing Plans of Care were completed. 5 clients were assisted with enrollment, 13 clients were assisted with renewal. There were 11 Annual Assessments. 37 clients received Care Coordination of Services. 0 Diagnostics were issued. There are 365 active clients. STD/HIV: There was 2 STD Court Order for testing. There were 23 total STD clinic visits, 23 for testing and/or treatment. 7 Partner notification interviews were completed. There were 2 Gonorrhea and 14 Chlamydia reported by private clinics. There was 1 Gonorrhea and 2 Chlamydia reported by the health department. 17 individuals received HIV/AIDS counseling and/or testing and 17 received post HIV/AIDS test counseling. 0 received positive HIV partner notifications. 0 received HIV/AIDS education in a group setting. Careware (Out of Care): There was 0 total for both Van Buren/Cass County; 0 LinkUp located in Van Buren County and 0 LinkUp in Cass County: STD/HIV Program Educational Presentations and Events: None.

Nursing Activities Report for July for Cass. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE: There were 7 Animal bites, all non-rabid. There was 1 Campylobacteriosis, 2 Cryptosporidiosis, 1 Giardiasis, 2 Chronic Hepatitis C and 3 Lyme Disease. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: Dowagiac: 80 vaccines were given to 35 individuals. Other locations: 0 vaccines were given to 0 individuals. CSHCS: 0 Nursing Plans of Care were completed. 2 clients were assisted with enrollment. 4 clients were assisted with renewals. There were 11 Annual Assessments. 16 clients received Care Coordination of Services. 0 Diagnostics were issued. There are 170 active clients. STD/HIV: There was 1 for STD Court order testing. There were 19 total STD clinic visits, 19 for testing and/or treatment. 13 Partner
notification interviews were completed. There were 3 Gonorrhea, 24 Chlamydia and 1 HIV/AIDS reported by private clinics. There was 1 Gonorrhea and 2 Chlamydia reported by the health department. 16 individuals received HIV/AIDS counseling and/or testing and 16 received post HIV/AIDS test counseling. 0 Partner notifications were completed. 21 received HIV/AIDS education in a group setting. Educational sessions given: None.

These statistics were discussed and reviewed with Julie reporting staff has been very busy. Julie explained what the Cyclosporiasis disease is and how it is spread. She stated that nursing staff are still very much involved in investigations. State Epidemiologist and Environmental Health staff is also heavily involved. Believe the outbreak was a result of contamination of Basil from Mexico. Investigation is still ongoing. A total of six Michigan counties are involved in this outbreak. This was discussed and reviewed.

Continuing with Hepatitis A outreach. Hepatitis A vaccinations were offered at both Van Buren and Cass county fairs along with education about the disease and other services the health department offers.

Julie discussed a recent Michigan HAN alert about severe respiratory illnesses of adolescents that vape. Currently not sure what is causing this and is under investigation by the CDC. This was discussed and reviewed.

Medical Director’s report: Dr. Wile discussed what events were done at each fair and stated more outreach activities will be included in any future event. Ideas of what can be done were shared with the board. Every year need to promote healthy habits/living on ways to prevent various illnesses/accidents such as: heat stroke, skin cancer, promoting safe sleep, etc.

Dr. Johansen updated the board on the current Legionnaire Disease outbreak. Biggest outbreak in Atlanta area. A HAN alert recently sent by the state giving an update on the cases in Flint. Dr. Johansen stated Legionnaire has become a big deal in Michigan. As a result, the CDC recommends a full environmental investigation and initiation of active cases when two or more cases are identified in a 12 month period. He stated that currently Berrien has 3 cases and what they are expected to do and the problems associated with these cases. This was discussed and reviewed.

Dental Report: Jeff reported dental is busier this year compared to the previous year. Still looking to hire a Hygienist and a dentist.

Dental Lab Report for July: There were 38 Starts, 26 Finishes, 9 Repairs, 6 Flippers, 7 Resets, 8 Relines and 47 Priors.

Environmental Health: George Friday reported that staff is very busy and referred to their statistical report stating the numbers for wells and septic is normal for this time of year.

George Friday discussed Environmental Health’s involvement in the Cyclosporiasis and the problems they have faced with the state.

George informed the board that two Legionnaire Disease cases in Van Buren County involving Bronson Lakeview in Paw Paw. Working with their Infectious Disease Specialist. However the specialist and Paw Paw Water works manager on vacation. When both return from their vacation plan to tour the Paw Paw water plant. This was discussed and reviewed.

George gave a brief update on the PFOS situation in Hartford. All work has concluded. Test wells are down and testing is done from this one test site. Samples are being tested for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and PFOS. Next meeting scheduled for August 21st at the Hartford High School and is open to the public. A meeting for our Spanish speaking population is scheduled for September 15th. Plans on addressing the situation will be reviewed. George informed everyone that all filters have been delivered. Filters are good for approximately 6 months and each resident is also given an extra filter cartridge. George informed the board that a teleconference between FGLE and the health department will be held soon to address talking points for the public meetings.

Other Business: Jeff informed the board that all minimum requirements for accreditation have been met. We are officially accredited, waiting for the certificate.
Jeff informed the board that Van Buren County jail has signed a contract with ACH for medical services, effective October 1st. The health department will help with their transition which is currently taking place. Dr. Cabras was thanked by the board for his dedication and service for this program. Jeff stated the health department will still be involved in any communicable diseases that may happen with this population.

Jeff informed the board that budget amendments for 2019 are in and the state contract is up to date. Still waiting to hear what the state plans to do with their budget and how this will affect ours. He also stated that he and George Kilts have met with each County Administrator about the Public Health budget and future needs. All requests will be submitted to each County Board of Commission for approval.

New Accounting software is being installed and should become effective October 1st. Training on this software with staff is taking place now. Changes that will affect employees were discussed and reviewed with George Kilts stating that employee’s check stub will have an appearance change but should still have all of the same information that is on their current check stub.

Hanson informed the board that Lieutenant Kirk from Van Buren County has been requested by other counties to teach them about their assailant task force training for EMS and fire personnel.

No other business. Motion by Dyes, 2nd by Vaughn to adjourn. All voting yes, motion carried. The next regular District Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the public health department facility in Dowagiac, Cass County.