

**Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health was called to order in the County Council Chambers located at 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 5:30 p.m., pursuant to the notice sent to all Directors in accordance with the bylaws.

The following Directors were present: Dr. Joe Steensma, Terri Farr, RN, Mary Hess, RN, Patti Hays, RN, Rick Regedanz,.

William Pond, MD, and Todd Rumsey, MD were not in attendance.

Dr. Joe Steensma, President, first presided over the. Mindy Waldron, Department Administrator, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Dr. Joe Steensma called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one friendly name amendment. Motion was made to approve the November 14, 2011 minutes by Patti Hays and seconded by Mary Hess. (MPU)

Motions Passed at this Meeting:

- Motion was made to approve the November 14, 2011 minutes by Patti Hays and seconded by Mary Hess. (MPU)
- A motion was made to nominate Todd Rumsey, MD as Vice President of the Board by Joe Steensma and seconded by Patti Hays. (MPU)
- A motion was made by Mary Hess to nominate Joe Steensma as President of the Board and it was seconded by Patti Hays. (MPU)
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Regedanz and seconded by Mary Hess. (MPU)

Sewer Board Update – Gary Chapple, Director of Pollution Control:

Five of the 6 current projects for the year are completed representing 167 homes connected to sewer. The remaining project (Cedar Shores/Cedar Canyons) will represent 108 homes connecting to sewer. The Greater Cedar Canyons and Wheelock Road area projects have had their funding approved, but the details have not been released. Those will represent 463 connections. There are up to 686 homes connections in 11 areas for following round of funding. There are 17 areas on the list with the district for future consideration. Gary briefed the Board on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for loans to homeowners for correcting failed septic systems.

Health Commissioner's Report – Deborah A McMahan, MD

- Dr. McMahan discussed accreditation and the concepts behind it. A brief discussion ensued.
- Dr. McMahan discussed the importance of taking healthcare "to the people" and the schools are an option being considered for the future delivery of some of our services. Mary Hess commented on the validity of this concept in light of various recent events involving the Department and Fort Wayne Community Schools. It was further discussed by Terri Farr and others that the southeast area of Allen County lacks sufficient health care sites and attention is needed in that area as well. All agreed.

SEE ACTUAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR ALL OTHER ISSUES.

Infectious Disease Report – Deborah A. McMahan, MD Dr. McMahan talked about the current rates of various STD's. Joe asked if this data could also be provided in other forms (such as race specific incident rate, etc.) and Dr. McMahan agreed this was possible for future reports. Kathy Thornson was also asked to briefly outline some trends being seen with regard to STD patients as well as assist with providing some recent rate statistics.

Dr. McMahan also discussed the recently identified Multi Drug Resistant TB (MDR TB) case and the client's predicted care over the next couple years.

SEE ACTUAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE REPORT FOR ALL DATA REPORTED.

Administrator's Report – Mindy Waldron

- Mindy briefly outlined the data regarding the first year of charging for clinical services as well as Medicaid billing. Rick Regedanz asked about the costs of administering these programs and asked Mindy if those costs appear that they will increase or decrease over time. Mindy explained what the costs are and that over time it is hoped they will decrease. So far, both programs are seen as extremely successful endeavors.
- Mindy discussed the predicted costs associated with treating the MDT TB case.
- Mindy discussed some of the current accreditation training and planning that is occurring to ready the department for application for accreditation. Brief discussion took place.

SEE ACTUAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR ALL INFORMATION SHARED.

Personnel Updates – Mindy Waldron

- Three food inspectors were hired – Audrey Wendling, Robert Dent, and Jason McKown.
- Tonya Arnold, RN was hired as a nurse for the Community Health & Case Management Services Division.
- Cheryl Erickson, NP, has been hired to assist Dr. McMahan in clinic.
- Jennifer Miller has been hired as an Executive Administrative Assistant for Dr. McMahan and Mindy Waldron.

The Board Members were asked to complete a survey to assist with the accreditation process that outlines their perceptions on the Department's strengths and weaknesses.

Old Business: None
New Business: None.
Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2012

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah A. McMahan, MD
Health Commissioner



Joseph Steensma, PhD, CIH, MPH
Board President