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The regular meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 12:30 pm at the Hancock County Health Department. Chair Rick Smith presiding proceeded with roll call. Board Members in attendance were: Phil Rujak, Jim Pryor, Jill Orenzuk and Wilma Boring. Staff members attending were: Administrator Jackie Huff, Donna Gialluco, Carolyne Baker, Michelle Truax, Sophie Eastham, and Health Officer Dr. Anna Suray. Guests were: (per the sign in sheet) Stephanie Knittle, Medical Student; Linda Holmstrand, American Lung Association; Eric Carper, Ed Bowman, Steve Huba, EL Review; Erica Yacoviello and Julie McCune.

Board Members reviewed the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting. Jill Orenzuk motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting. Wilma Boring seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Financial reports were reviewed. Phil Rujak motioned to accept the financial reports. Jim Pryor seconded the motion. The board voted to accept the financials. The reports will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

CLEAN AIR DRAFT

Phil Rujak motioned to untable the Clean Air Policy Draft. Jill Orenzuk seconded the motion. The motion passed and the policy draft was brought back to the table.

Dr. Anna opened the discussion by stating she had reviewed the draft and hoped all board members did the same. She said the draft was very specific with its definitions and calls for no exemptions. She requested the board review the policy draft and move forward to protect our citizens from second hand smoke. She stated "if you live or work in Hancock County, we are going to protect you from smoke related illnesses."

Jackie Huff stated the county already has a Clean Air Act in place that was enacted in 1996. The Board now needs to decide if they want to move forward in updating it.

Rick Smith asked the board if they did review the draft. All stated they had. He then called for questions and comments from the board members and guests. General discussion followed. The following questions were discussed among the board and those in attendance:

- are smokeless tobacco and e-cigs included in the policy?
- who will be enforcing the regulation once it is in place?
- will there be smoking designated areas and the amount of space required from the establishment?
- how would the Clean Air Act effect the Steel Workers within their natural work areas?
- what is the time frame for implementing the policy?
- what about private property?

-does this policy include golf courses?

-what is the current status of other race tracks/gaming resorts in West Virginia and the surrounding states?

Phil Rujak stated he felt the goal of the board is not to harm or hurt anyone but the goal is to help people become healthier and that it will be an educational process.

Ed Bowman stated that he had been asked to come to the Board meeting on behalf of Mountaineer Management. He said Mountaineer sells a tremendous amount of cigarettes and there would definitely be a loss of revenue for them. He continued by saying this year for the first time, he planned on selling cigars and cigarettes at the Woodview Golf Course (which he manages for Mountaineer) to help increase the courses revenue.

Rick Smith asked for any further comments or questions.

Phil Rujak wanted to know what the Board's next steps are. Rick Smith stated, "We need to answer these questions and try to get clarifications of what we want. We are writing this policy so we need to make it as clear and precise as possible."

Dr. Anna asked if there was information that the board would want from outside sources to answer these questions or does the board plan on asking others for answers or talking amongst themselves to come up with the policy draft.

Rick Smith stated it would be a little of both. He mentioned the concern that the owners of Connie's Kitchen had about going to no-smoking voluntarily. Their revenue actually increased.

Dr. Anna asked the Board, "aside from the questions that need answered, does that mean everything else is good? Is there anything you can say yes to?"

Rick Smith said, "We as a Board want to do something. We want to make it a healthier environment. That is our plan and to keep moving forward. We may have blown this a little out of proportion but I do believe the restaurants and eating establishments are our number 1 goals. Whether or not we go with an exemption or not, we have that capability to do something."

Rick Smith then asked Board Members for any additional input.

Wilma Boring said, "Not right now."

Jim Pryor stated, "We have a lot to think about. It isn't as cut and dry as we thought. Between the smoker and the non-smoker, the smoker has absolutely no rights."

Jill Orenzuk stated, "We need to clarify the details and there are a lot of questions to be answered."

Donna Gialluco reported she attended the Coalition for Tobacco Free WV Conference held on February 25 and 26 in Charleston. The coalition provided her with informational packets for each of the board members and Dr. Anna.

Eric Carper asked the Board to pass the draft as a proposal as is, leave it up for public comment and revised it as needed.

Rick Smith stated he was not comfortable doing that. Unless a Board Member wants to make a motion to do so. All declined, favoring putting a more precise and detailed policy in place before they act on it.

Ed Bowman requested a copy of the draft.

Jackie Huff requested the Board members complete the survey given to them by the State Auditor's office. Rick Smith asked Dr. Anna to check with Huntington Bank to ensure the proper signatures are on the CD's.

The board set a special meeting date for Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 12:30 with a possible change in place to accommodate more people. Jackie Huff will check into a larger meeting space and it will be posted 7 days prior to the meeting.

With no new business to discuss, Rick Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Wilma Boring made the motion will Jill Orenzuk seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted for Health Officer Anna Suray, MD by

Donna Gialluco