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The regular meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 4 pm at the Hancock County Commission Office. Chair Jim Pryor proceeded with roll call. Board Members in attendance were: Rick Smith, Phil Rujak, Kyle MacPherson and Lisa Conti. Staff members attending were: Administrator Jackie Huff, Chelsey Everly, Carolyne Baker, and Donna Gialluco and Health Officer Dr. Anna Suray, MD. County Commissioner Joe Barnabei and East Liverpool Review reporter, Steve Rappach were also present.

Chairman Pryor welcomed County Commissioner Barnabei to the Board Meeting. He has been appointed the Commission representative to the Board of Health.

Board Members reviewed the minutes from the Friday, December 9, 2016 meeting. Lisa Conti motioned to approve those minutes. Rick Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Members were asked to review the Financials for December 2016 and January 2017. Rick Smith asked Jackie Huff to comment on the financials. Jackie reported that an additional 3% budget reduction for all state agencies may be forthcoming with the legislative session scheduled to begin on Wednesday, February 8th. Expenses are still being monitored very closely. Travel expenses have decreased. Phil Rujak motioned to accept the Financials as presented, Lisa Conti seconded. The Financials will be filed for the auditor.

Old Business: Rick Smith nominated Phil Rujak for the vice chairman of the Board of Health. There were no other nominees. Rick Smith proceeded with a motion to elect Phil Rujak to the vice chair position with Lisa Conti seconding the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with Phil abstaining.

New Business: Jackie Huff reported all Inspection reports are available for public information through a link on the Health Department's website.

Communications: Jackie Huff shared with the board 2 recent letters to the editor from the Weirton Daily Times. Both were in support of the CIA regulation. (Copies are in their packets.) Also in the Board packets was an article from the WDT regarding a 1 million grant West Virginia received to assist with the distribution of opioid antidotes. Jackie informed the Board-the Hancock Department was selected to participate in Phase 1 and will receive approximately 50 "Rescue kits".

Program Reports from Staff

Administrative- Jackie reported everything is "status quo". The Health Department received their 2nd qtr. Funding from the state. The 2nd qtr. Environmental Report as well as the midyear financial report will be submitted to the state by February 15, 2017.

Clinical-Jackie reported Clinical reports for December 2016 and January 2017 are in Board packets. Family Planning Clinics are scheduled for January 11, February 8, and March 8, 2017.

Environmental- Jackie stated Environmental reports are in packets for December 2016 and January 2017.

Outreach-Jackie reported dates and times for Narcan training; tonight (Weirton Library) and Thursday, February, 9th (Chester Municipal Bldg.) Food Handler's Class will be held Thursday, February 9th in Chester and Thursday, February 16th in Weirton. Chelsea continues to update our website, Facebook page and twitter account.

Threat Preparedness-Jackie reported she has been invoicing the grant monthly and receiving our funding with no delays.

Public Comments

Mrs. Gabriela Fighiroae addressed the Board regarding the starting times for schools. She feels the school day begins too early and is requesting the support of the Health Department. After her presentation, Rick Smith requested a copy of her presentation with the CDC statistics included. The Board made her comments a matter of record.

Commissioner Barnabei also requested to address the board regarding the Clean Air Regulation of 2014. He stated there are "2 sides to every story. The position we sit in as the commission is we represent the whole county. There are issues with the smoking ban and we as commissioners get phone calls all the time." He said the calls were both for and against the regulation. He then stated, "We can't take a side as a commission. We have to do our due diligence to try to see what everybody says and work on the issues. That is where we are at."

Board member Phil Rujak commented, "We are the Board of Health. We must make decisions that are sometimes not the most favorable ones. But the county's health is our first concern. Maybe this should be a state issue, not just a county's decision."

Commissioner Barnabei responded, "We have directed them. This is not a county issue."

Board Member Rick Smith also commented, "The economy is on the decline in Hancock County. More people are dying than are babies being born. We as the BOH cannot stimulate the economy. Mountaineer however, can impact the growth of the economy."

Chairman Pryor stated the next Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Jackie Huff requested the board go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Rick Smith motioned to go into executive session with Kyle MacPherson seconding.

Upon returning from executive session, Jackie reported Rick Smith made the motion to come out of executive session; Kyle MacPherson seconding. The Board voted to eliminate a Clinical position due to budget cuts and with the anticipation of additional funding cuts. (Phil Rujak-motion Rick Smith-seconded.) They also voted to retain an attorney in the event the County Commission signs the order to overturn the Clean Air Regulation of 2014. (Phil Rujak-motion; Lisa Conti- seconded.)

Respectfully submitted for Health Officer Anna Suray, MD by Donna Gialluco