HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2011

County Board Members in attendance: *Millie Dyer, Frank Halpin, David Welter, Dick Steele,*

County Employees in attendance: *Dan Duffy, Ron Severson,*

Public Health Members in attendance: *Kay Lynn Shoemaker, Barb Thetard, Mike Boyle, Dian Brown*

Guests: *Robert Shoemaker*

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Call to Order: *D*. Steele called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

Approval of Agenda: F. Halpin made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. M. Dyer seconded. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: The Health Committee minutes from December 17, 2010 were amended to reflect F. Halpin left the meeting at 9:05 a.m. They will be put on file for the February's 2011 County Board meeting. The approved Board of Health minutes of December 15, 2010 were reviewed.

D. Welter motioned to accept the amended Health Committee minutes of December 17, 2010. M. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Staff Update: Two Public Health Nurse positions have been filled. Phylicia Malone and Stori Hart were hired on January 3, 2011. The mental health counselor position, currently being filled contractually and two interns are temporary additional staff to the mental health division.

Administrator's Report: K. Shoemaker gave the Public Health Administrator's report for January 2011. Motion to approve the report was made by F. Halpin, and seconded by M. Dyer. Motion carried.

Cash Receipts/Financial Report: K. Shoemaker reviewed the cash receipts for December 2010. Motion to approve the cash receipt reports was made by D. Welter, and seconded by M. Dyer. Motion carried. K. Shoemaker reviewed the expenses for the months of December 2010. Motion to approve the expense report was made by D. Welter and seconded by M. Dyer. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims: K. Shoemaker distributed the prior approval of claims by the Board of Health for January 2011 claims for review and signing. D. Welter made the motion to pay the claims as presented. F. Halpin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Division Reports:

Environmental Health: M. Boyle presented the 4th Quarter Environmental Health report. The food inspections are slightly lower than 4th quarter2009. Well and Septic permits issued is showing a significant decrease, possible due to the present economy. Mosquito surveillance work was completed in September. One hundred eleven pools (batches) were tested, six birds collected with three being submitted for testing. There were no positive results in either the mosquito pools or birds tested. Discussion was held on an odor complaint and new facilities opening in Grundy County.

Mental Health: The 4th quarter Mental Health report was presented by K. Shoemaker. Psychiatrist, Dr. James Smedegard, will be leaving at the end of January. The Board of Health has motioned to pay medical insurance for a current applicant up to $1200 a year. An application has been sent and will report when all documentation is received. The part time mental health contractual position extended with union agreement only until 2/15/11. The union has stated this is a union position and they will not approve it to be filled by a contractual person after 2/15/2011. Secretarial coverage or electronic medical recording discussed at December's meeting has not been brought before committee to date.

Nursing: MPEs (Medicaid Presumed Eligibility) was low at the end of the 4th quarter. To date, there have been an additional eight screenings done. Beginning in January 2011, it is mandated by law that preschools have vision and hearing screening done. Currently, the state grant of $1,800. has not been paid for last year or this year. Daycares will be required to have a contract with us to pay for the screenings if they choose to use our services. We will not bill the state for preschools and daycare centers.

Seniors Programs: B. Thetard presented the Senior Programs 4th Quarter report. C. Donley has started a new support group for Grandparents raising Grandchildren. The group has had a good response.

Other Business:

Immunization Costs:
B. Thetard has written a addition to the Standing Immunization Orders stating: In keeping with the mission to preserve, promote and protect health, the Grundy County Health Department Nursing Division accepts the policy to receive payment for all adult vaccines and tuberculosis testing to be in the form of cash, check or Medicaid. In addition, the adult influenza and pneumonia vaccine payment may be in the form of cash, check, Medicaid or Medicare.

F. Halpin motioned to support the motion by the Board of Health to support this statement. M. Dyer seconded. Motion carried.

April Health Committee Meeting date change:
M. Dyer motioned to change the April Health Committee meeting date from April 26, 2011 to April 21, 2011. D. Welter seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion made by F. Halpin and seconded by D. Welter to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 am. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by: D. Brown
Edited by: K. Shoemaker

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