

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held at the Madison County Health Department on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

**Members Present:** Jean Schram, M.A., Marcia Custer, R.N., Ph.D., Janet Burnett, M.P.A., Harold Johnson, M.B.A., Arthur L. Grist, Sr., M.P.H., David L. Ayres, D.C., Jennifer L. Weller, MAEd, and Michael E. Beatty, M.D., F.A.C.S.

**Members Absent:** Jack Miller, D.D.S., F.A.G.D., P.C. and Dorothy Droste, R. N., B.S.N.

**Others Present:** Toni M. Corona, B.S., L.E.H.P., Public Health Administrator, Mark McGranahan, M.D., FAAP, Medical Consultant, and Sharon Kadell, Office Manager.

The meeting was called to order by Harold Johnson, Chair at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Janet Burnett and seconded by Marcia Custer to approve the April 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Marcia Custer, Board Treasurer of the Public Health Practitioner Certification Board, Inc., (PHPCB), reported that there is no funding available. A discussion ensued.

**Announcements:** Handouts.

Harold Johnson shared his new email address.

The Advisory Committee will not meet during the month of July.

**Public Health Administrator's Report:** Effective June 1, 2014, Madison County Health Department Fiscal Division will change over to a new credit card company, GovPayNet, provider of credit and debit card payment processing systems and services.

Madison County Health Department was awarded the NACCHO/CDC Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI) Grant. Madison County Health Department selected a category that was associated with accreditation domain areas, Building a Culture of Quality Improvement (QI). The QI Council has selected two QI projects (Improve efficiency of use of internal standardized forms and Increase the average EH inspection scores at temporary events), teams are in place working on their projects, and QI is in its final editing. Toni and Amy attended a Public Health Improvement Training in Atlanta that was very informative. The next steps are to develop our Performance Management System, implement the Work Force Development Plan and Performance Measures.

A concern and tobacco-related issue in Madison County is e-cigarettes. Signs have been changed at the health department to include No Smoking & No E-Cigarettes. If persons are asked not to smoke e-cigarettes and they don't comply, they should be asked to leave the building. If they don't, they would be considered trespassing. After a discussion by this committee, a motion was made by Arthur Grist and seconded by David Ayres supporting the Health Department Committee in development of policy to deal with e-cigarettes and all other cigarettes including enforcement policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Governor Pat Quinn delivered his Fiscal year 2015 Budget, "Securing Illinois' Financial Future." He proposed a \$2.4 million dollar cut in the Local Health Protection Grant, and all general revenue programs will be cut. The Advisory Committee suggested that the Health Department Committee create a resolution for the full Madison County Board to reach out to our legislators concerning this matter.

**Old Business:** The committee strategized about reorganization of Madison County Health Department. The process of restructuring will be revisited at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**New Business:** Dr. McGranahan reported about an article, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study Finds Huge Increase of E-Cigarette Poisoning*. A new CDC study says e-cigarette-related calls to poison control centers has grown substantially since 2010, and 51.1 percent of calls involve young children. The culprit of the rising calls is directly related to e-cigarette's colorful and enticing packaging. Incidents involving children below the age of 5 make up 51.1 percent of the poison center calls. E-cigarette liquids currently sold are a threat to small children because they are not required to be childproof, and they come in candy and fruit flavors that are appealing to children. Unlike cigarette poisoning, which usually involves the child eating it, e-cigarette liquid can affect those who simply smell it. Workers who handle the e-cigarette liquid wear special protective equipment to keep them safe. On top of severe vomiting, e-cigarette poisoning causes nausea, eye irritation, and fatigue. Even after recovering from the initial sickness, patients can be left in nicotine withdrawal that lasts for days. Health care providers, e-cigarette companies and distributors, and the general public need to be aware of this potential health risk.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Thursday, June 5, 2014**, Madison County Health Department, 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Arthur Grist and seconded by David Ayres to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Dorothy Droste, Recording Secretary