

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 15, 2008**

A regular quarterly meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Health was held on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD), located at 11191 Illinois Route 185 in Hillsboro, Illinois. Present at the meeting were: Roger C. McFarlin, M.D., Phillip W. Johnson, M.D., Harold Jurgena, LaMoine Reeves, Jerry Wesley, George Blankenship, Hugh Satterlee, Administrator, Dolores Wheelhouse, R.N., Carolyn DeWerff, R.N., Cyndy Howard, Karyl Dressen, R.N., Kurt Simon, Jodi Perkins, Lynn Sellers and Julie Marcolini.

Dr. McFarlin called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2008 Board of Health meeting. Dr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Harold Jurgena and the motion carried.

Karyl Dressen, R.N., was present to bring before the Board a request to offer additional vaccines for children. She had a handout for board members regarding the various vaccinations. Vaccine for Children (VFC) is starting to recommend the Rotavirus and Hepatitis A vaccinations for children, partially due to daycare exposure. As the vaccine comes from VFC there is no cost. Karyl also informed the Board that the new centralization of vaccines is in Tennessee and vaccines will be ordered from there. Dr. Johnson made a motion to approve offering additional recommended vaccines (including pneumonia for adults). The motion was seconded by Jerry Wesley and the motion carried.

Dolores Wheelhouse was present to give her report to the Board. She reported on the status of the Emergency Preparedness Program. Amy Stewart made a site visit on April 11, 2008 to review MCHD SNS plans. Work needs to be done on the Just In Time (JIT) training program and volunteers. MCHD is working with other counties to offer the first MRC regional conference to be held in Illinois. The conference will cover several topics and will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Currently there are 35 registered participants. Montgomery County Health Department has 36 MRC volunteers plus 50 Health Department employees. Dolores has been recruiting at physicians' offices and schools. A county-wide drill is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> in Irving. A special needs registry is being compiled with the help of county churches in case of an emergency. Student nurses are at the Department from SUIE and St. John's School of Nursing. Linda Zimmer (Prevention Program) reported on Bowling for the Kids, a bike ride for summer and Panhandle School will be starting random drug testing in Jr. High and High School.

Carolyn DeWerff was present to give the Maternal Child Health (MCH) report. WIC caseload is 20-30 over. Clients in the Teen Parent Services Program are having difficulties with classes because of gas prices and no driver's license. An additional \$3,000 was received to assist in finishing the fiscal year. Carolyn's staff is preparing for immunization clinics (2 special clinics will be scheduled). Carolyn also gave updates on the Lead program, Genetics and audits on her programs. Student nurses have also been

spending some time in Maternal Child Health. Cyndy Howard has completed training to do lead investigations.

Kurt gave the Mental Health report. Montgomery County Health Department received a \$5,000 grant from the SIU School of Medicine for Alzheimer's disease. The two (2) mental health nurses are being trained in screening and education and will be available for public speaking engagements. Mental Health fee-for-service billing is in place instead of a block grant. Kurt had been opposed to this because the program's future hinges on people just scraping by on getting appointments and following through. Billing is at 108%; it is going well. The Department received a \$17,000 increase in billing for next year. Plans for outreach in Nokomis and Litchfield are in the works. Substance Abuse is also fee-for-service. This program is expected to exceed funding; a scale-back on substance abuse until the new fiscal year is planned. The Department can only bill for \$61,000. Kurt said substance abuse services can be denied; meaning a waiting list is put in place. Residents from Macoupin County are coming to Montgomery County. The referral process is difficult. Effingham substance abuse is on strike; those clients are going through Fayette County. The State government is getting out of substance abuse. Kurt told Board members that Montgomery County area residents would be served first and that there are around 520 open clients. Hugh told the Board that substance abuse clients in dire need would not be turned away; they will be prioritized. At present there is a 3 week to 2 month wait for substance abuse appointments.

Lynn Sellers gave the CCU report. The Department has been assisting clients with Circuit Breaker, Medicare D and also limited help with Stimulus Filing. Title IIIB (grant funded) clients are being transitioned to the new IDoA funded Comprehensive Care Coordination Program, which is billed per assessment. Grant funding will no longer be available. This change is statewide; the fee is \$19.95 per client. The all day elder abuse training for homemaker agencies is scheduled for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. A senior health fair is being planned for April 6, 2009.

Cyndy Howard was present to give the Environmental Health report. Mark King has attended additional training. Cyndy updated the Board on new restaurant openings, the Radon Program and reported that her lead assessor training has been completed and she plans to complete the State certification in May.

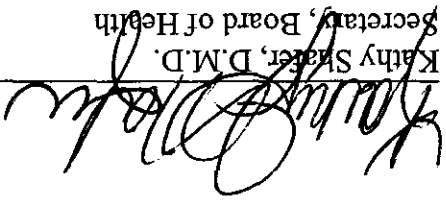
Hugh gave the Public Health report. The three (3) counties (IBCCP Program) that have not met caseload have had extra outreach activities implemented in the past few months. Macoupin County will not be a part of the IBCCP Consortia for the new fiscal year. Pam Johnson, IBCCP Case Manager for Montgomery County, will cover the clients in Macoupin County. The first Montgomery County Breast Cancer Survivor Support Group was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, with twenty-seven (27) survivors in attendance. Hugh gave brief updates on the other public health programs, which included Heart Smart for Teens, Tobacco/Asthma, Hearing & Vision, Diabetes and Baby Think It Over. MCHD has applied for the Ticket for the Cure grant; it would provide funding for help with travel and for those with mortgage hardships. The Heart Smart for Teens grant has been applied for again for FY09.

Hugh gave the Administrator's report. He went over the balance sheet and check lists. Some payments noted were for IBCCP billboards, Dr. Smucker, CDW (new computers), kits for emergency preparedness and an old squad car (\$5,500) for PSR's use. The audit was completed by Patton and Company and the CFR was signed off on. Hugh went over revenues and expenditures, leaving a fund balance of \$1,433,442. The management letter from the auditors mentioned bonding through the Treasurer's office and accounts need to require two (2) signatures on checks (which the Department already does). Hugh told Board members that he had talked to Kent Tarro, Administrator at Macoupin County Health Department, regarding MCHD taking over the M & M Dental Clinic. He said he would do some more research and bring more information to the next Board of Health meeting. All present agreed that there was a need for the clinic and one of the only other offices to accept public aid clients was SIUE School of Dentistry in Alton. Hugh commended the supervisors on the audits at the Department. He told Board members that the case involving Kelli Cook had been completed and that the attorneys were satisfied; there was a confidentiality clause and he can not discuss the case. There was nothing new to report on the Ott case.

Dr. McFarlin asked Hugh about getting a highway sign for the Health Department from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Hugh is to check into this.

George Blankenship made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Harold Jurgena and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted and Approved

  
Kathy Slater, D.M.D.  
Secretary, Board of Health

April 15, 2008  
Date