

The Advisory Board met on May 15, 2007 in the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District Conference Center and present were the following: Jack Turner; Andrew Urban, R.Ph.; Stormy Higgins; Peter Norton, M.D.; Zane Travis, M.D.; Tony Neitzler; Larry Johnson; Barry Camarillo; Kay Durilla, R.N.; Nancy Jennings; Ivy McCullough; Patrick Lollis; Ruth Ramirez; and Mary K. Fair, who acted as secretary. Absent were: Robert R. Hawley, D.D.S; Sandip Mathur, M.D.; Darrell Flippo; Mike Hall; Charlotte Lambert and Wayne Rose.

**Item I – Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Turner.

**Item II – Introduction of New Board Member** – Dr. Sandip Mathur is the new Board Member but he is unable to attend the meeting today due to a medical emergency.

**Item III – Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Urban seconded the motion. All approved.

**Item IV – Review of Women’s Health Program Changes** – Kay Durilla, Nursing Programs Manager, briefed the Board on the new Medicaid Women’s Health Program (WHP), which started in January 2007, to provide birth control and an annual exam for women between the ages of 18 and 44. Texas Medicaid approves or denies eligibility based upon the completed application and proofs; US Citizen, income and residency. Approximately 80% of women who apply get WHP. The Title V Program has a limited dollar amount, about \$100,000 with no additional money for services, but WHP has no dollar limit for services. Title X and Title XX grants are additional State programs but the Health District does not have those grants. The Title XX grant is at Planned Parenthood. Title V has a rider that a client under age 18 has to have parental consent to get birth control, so consequently our number of clients has dropped. The clients can pay for their family planning services to get birth control if under 18 years of age. The Health District is looking at the option of getting the Bayer Corporation IUD and training the nurse practitioner in the use of the IUD. There are very specific guidelines with the IUD; patients with an STD or history of STD should not use this IUD and they should be in a monogamous relationship and have had one child prior to getting this IUD. Currently the Health District provides condoms, Birth Control pills and the Depo shot to Family Planning clients.

**Item V– Review of Immunization Program Changes** – Kay Durilla updated the Board on recent changes to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Grant which has additional requirements and job duties. Two new employees were hired, one for ImmTrac and one for Pharmacy Inventory Control System (PICS) for the Vaccine For Children (VFC) providers. The local VFC providers report their vaccine inventory counts to the PICS Specialist employee which is entered in the State’s PICS system and the State sends the vaccine directly to the VFC providers. The State PICS is using 2006 usage numbers and will send monthly or quarterly shipments to VFC providers based on usage and refrigerator storage capacity. The state-wide children’s immunization registry, ImmTrac, is not widely used by doctor offices. The ImmTrac Specialist will have educational meetings with school nurses, doctors, day care centers, etc to introduce them to ImmTrac and encourage the usage of ImmTrac. The Health District wants to educate the importance of entering the children’s immunization history in ImmTrac. The grant provided funding for special advertising campaigns in the local newspaper and on the radio and television to promote coming to the Health District’s new location for children’s immunizations. Immunizations are available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. The Federal Government provided additional money to the States to increase childhood immunization rates for birth to 2 years of age.

**Item VI– Review of Health Administrator’s Quarterly Report** – Larry Johnson has been following up on a couple of Legislative bills – SB 368 State Wide Smoking Ban – sitting in committee and HB 9 - passed House with exemptions and is unlikely it will pass the Senate. Mr. Johnson has a copy of HB 9 with the exemptions if anyone wants to review it. If anyone has any comments on the bills contact our representative, Susan King. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program will be changing their hours in June from 7 am to 7 pm on select days to 8 am to 7 pm Monday through Thursday. The client attendance for the 7 am to 8 am hours has been low but the 5 pm to 7 pm attendance has been better. There is Open Government Training and the Health District has provided a DVD for the Board members still needing the training. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 21, 2007.

**Item VI -- Adjourn**