

The Advisory Board met on February 16, 2010 in the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District Conference Center and present were the following: Andrew Urban, R.Ph.; Peter Norton, M.D.; Tom Perini; Shane Price; Zane Travis, M.D.; Larry Johnson; Barry Camarillo; Tony Neitzler; Nancy Jennings; Charlotte Lambert; Annette Lerma; Henry Loza; Lisa McCarty; Wayne Rose; and Mary K. Fair, who acted as secretary. Absent were: Robert Hawley, D.D.S.; Randy Williams; Maureen Trotter, M.D.; Mike Hall; Kay Durilla, R.N.; and Ruth Ramirez.

**Item I Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Mr. Urban, acting Chair.

**Item II Introduction of New Board Members** – Dr. Maureen Trotter was unable to attend the meeting.

**Item III Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Perini and seconded by Dr. Norton to approve the November 17, 2009 meeting minutes as written. All approved.

**Item IV Review and Discussion of H1N1 Flu Vaccination Program** – Dr. Travis spoke to the Board about the Health District's H1N1 vaccination program. There was not a late surge in H1N1 cases but there have been Influenza Like Illnesses in the area. In Taylor County there have been 31 positive for Influenza A in a recent 2 week period. Mr. Johnson provided background information on the H1N1 vaccination program to the Board. In November 2009 the Health District was waiting to receive sufficient quantities of the H1N1 vaccine and by early December the Health District had received enough H1N1 vaccine to do public mass vaccination clinics. These were held December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> on the Expo Center grounds and the amount of vaccinations given was not as much as anticipated. The Health District did outreach vaccination clinics with Hardin Simmons University and McMurry University as well as nursing homes, assisted living centers, businesses and group homes. 11,000 doses of H1N1 have been received and 6,400 doses have been given. In Taylor County the State shipped 25,000 doses to private providers (60% of the vaccine available) and the State received 8.5 million doses with 78% going to private providers. H1N1 vaccine is still available in the Health District's Immunization Clinic daily except Wednesdays. Currently only one of the temporary H1N1 employees is still working and she is entering patient records, assisting with vaccination paperwork and filing. Mr. Johnson provided the Health District's immunization fee schedule to the Board Members and a copy is with the original minutes.

**Item V Review and Discussion of Medical Reserve Corps Recruiting Efforts** – Mr. Johnson introduced Charlotte Lambert to update the Board on the SMART MRC media campaign on television, in newspaper ads and on billboards around town. The MRC grant provided funding for the advertising. 14 applications have been sent out to new people and 21 people have inquired about SMART MRC. Currently 17 physicians; 14 RN's ; 5 LVN's; 17 Psycho-Social, 2 Physician Assistants; 6 other medical, 2 ministers, 10 pharmacists and 51 citizen volunteers are enrolled in SMART MRC. Approximately half of the Protect Texas volunteers rolled over to SMART MRC. Possibly in the spring the MRC volunteers can participate in the City wide exercise. The Health District applied for a \$10,000 grant for MRC infrastructure building; to purchase badges, shirts, training, postage, etc. The money is received upfront instead of reimbursement and is spent as needed. Mr. Johnson advised the Board that they are the oversight group for the MRC and in the future there will be bylaws presented to the Board for approval.

**Item VI Review and Discussion of the Heart and Stroke Healthy City Recognition Program** – Mr. Johnson provided a handout of Health District services for the Board Members and a copy is with the original minutes. One sheet in the packet references the Heart and Stroke Healthy City Recognition Program with 10 indicators that are used to rate cities every two years. The purpose of this program is to improve communities' heart and stroke response rates and improve heart and stroke health in citizens. The Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke is the agency that sponsors the awards recognition program and they work with schools, businesses, hospitals and cities. The Health District was awarded a two year grant for \$30,000 each year. This purpose of this grant is to improve Abilene's score; four years ago Abilene received an Honorable Mention and two years ago Abilene did not receive a ranking. Initially the Health District will form a work group and conduct an assessment of what is available in the community, concentrating on indicators 6 through 10. During the second year the work group will develop and implement a work plan. The Health District will be asking local businesses and organizations to participate in the work group. There will be a news conference tomorrow to release County Health Rankings from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. These rankings are based on information collected from a variety of sources using 2006 data. Taylor County was ranked 58<sup>th</sup> in Texas for health factors, 164<sup>th</sup> in Texas for health outcomes and 17<sup>th</sup> in Texas for access to medical care and quality of medical care. Collin County, north of Dallas, was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and Williamson County, north of Austin, was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Item VII Adjourn** – The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 18, 2010. No further business the meeting is adjourned.