

The Advisory Board met on November 15, 2011 in the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District Conference Center and present were the following: Robert Hawley, D.D.S.; Randy Williams; Tom Perini; Peter Norton, M.D.; Shane Price; Zane Travis, M.D.; Larry Johnson; Barry Camarillo; Tony Neitzler; Kay Durilla, R.N.; Charlotte Lambert; Wayne Rose; and Mary K. Fair, who acted as secretary. Visitors in attendance: Lisa McCarty. Absent were: Maureen Trotter, M.D.; Mike Hall; Nancy Jennings; Annette Lerma; Henry Loza and Katie Byerly.

Item I - Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Dr. Hawley.

Item II - Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Mr. Price made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Dr. Norton seconded. All approved.

Item III - Review and Discussion of Seasonal Influenza and Vaccination Program – Kay Durilla. A public flu clinic was held in September at the Health District facility and now flu vaccinations are available during the regular immunization clinic hours – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 am to 4 pm. The cost for children (18 and under) is \$8.00 and adults is \$15.00. The Health District is still giving influenza vaccinations with ten to thirty flu shots given on a daily basis and we will continue influenza vaccinations into the spring. The influenza vaccination is recommended for all ages from 6 months and up. There were over 200 Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI) reported last week with a few that were positive for Influenza; so the influenza activity is considered light at the present time. The Vaccine for Children (VFC), the Adult Safety Net program and the refugee program immunizations are changing in the near future. The Adult Safety Net vaccines will no longer be available to use for the refugees; instead the refugee grant will be required to purchase “private stock” vaccines to be used for the refugee program clients. The official date of this change has not been finalized but will probably be sometime around the first of year. As of January 1, 2012 any new college student residing in a dorm must have had a meningitis vaccination within the last 5 years. There will be changes to eligibility for the VFC program immunizations; stricter guidelines as to who is eligible to receive the free vaccines. For instance if insurance covers routine vaccinations then the client is not eligible for VFC vaccines but instead must pay for “private stock” vaccine. Meningitis vaccination would be \$120 instead of \$8 for a person 18 years of age or under. We are waiting on the final guidelines and revised forms from the Department of State Health Services. The Health District is not set up to bill insurance companies for vaccinations or other services.

Item IV - Review and Discussion of Changes to the Health District’s Dental Services – Barry Camarillo. The Health District began providing dental services over 20 years ago and has had various funding sources through the years; using both in-house dentists and outside dentists for services as well as the Medical Care Mission Dental Clinic. CDBG funding in grant year 2008/2009 was \$15,500 and for grant year 2010/2011 dental services funding was \$30,000. The Medical Care Mission Dental Clinic received a flat fee for a specified number of appointments and using excess money enabled additional patients to be seen by private providers if the Medical Care Mission Dental Clinic appointments were filled. CDBG received an extra \$35,000 in stimulus money which provided additional dental services through Medical Care Mission Dental Clinic, our in-house dentist and outside private providers. All of the \$65,000 was for dental services only. In grant year 2011/2012 CDBG funds were cut and there was no money for adult dental services as of October 1, 2011. The Health District developed an adult dental private pay program offering three services—extraction, cleaning and/or restoration for a flat \$150.00 fee for one hour of time with the in-house dentist. In October 18 patients were seen and 9 patients were seen through November 11, 2011. If the client doesn’t have the \$150 we look for other referrals but there are not many options available. The Medical Care Mission Dental Clinic has a three to four month wait for appointments and sometimes the patient can not wait that long if they are in pain.

Item V – Review and Discussion of Videos Explaining Facility Cleaning Procedures During a Pandemic – Charlotte Lambert. The Health District wanted videos on proper cleaning/disinfecting of facilities during a pandemic and was not able to find ones with good accurate material in them. As part of the H1N1 funding the Health District hired a local group to produce the videos and to help reduce cost City custodial services staff and Health District staff were the actors in the videos. Ms. Lambert played the “Restrooms and Breakrooms” section for the Board members and the other sections are “Hallways and Offices” and “Lobbies and Elevators”. The videos have been provided to the City custodial services department and can also be made available to other organizations as they can be used at any time not just during a pandemic.

Item V - Adjourn – The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 21, 2012. No further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.