

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District
Advisory Board
August 20, 2013

The Advisory Board met on August 20th, 2013 in the Community Services Conference Room and present were the following: Robert Hawley, D.D.S.; Shane Price; Peter Norton, M.D.; Randy Williams; Tom Perini; Dr. Zane Travis, M.D.; James Childers; Lesli Andrews; Barry Camarillo; Kay Durilla; Nancy Jennings; Wayne Rose; Henry Loza; Veronica Escalona; Ashley Randell; Glenn Bailey; Mike Hammock; Justin Williams and Dianne Boysen, who acted as secretary. Absent was: James McCoy.

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 – A motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the May 21, 2013 meeting minutes as written. All approved.

James Childers opened the meeting by stating that Larry Johnson has retired and his last day with the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District was July 31, 2013. Mr. Childers introduced Lesli Andrews as the Acting Health Administrator during this transition period. The position for Health Administrator has been posted and there have been applications received. Mary Kay Fair also retired and Dianne Boysen and Veronica Escalona will be acting as secretary at this time. Dr. Hawley said he would like to officially praise Larry Johnson and Mary Kay Fair for their service on the Board of Health.

Item III – Review and Discussion of Expanded Primary Health Care Grant – Barry Camarillo gave the history of the PHC Program (Primary Health Care) since 1995 when Dr. Roy Willingham was the Health Authority. Dr. Zane Travis replaced Mr. Willingham. Medical Assistance for Area Citizens (M.A.A.C) has remained over the years under the PHC Program. Mr. Camarillo has applied for an additional grant, Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC). Mr. Camarillo stated he should know whether or not he will receive this grant by October 31, 2013 and the starting date for this program will be November 1, 2013. Mr. Camarillo requested over \$600,000.00. The location for this program at this time is located at Sears Park. Mr. Camarillo stated there would be 7 full time and 2 part-time employees hired.

Kay Durilla gave the clinical information regarding this program. The EPHC Program will offer Family Planning, Women's Health Program, Primary Health Care and a Dental Program for prenatal clients. The program will offer initial visit and follow-up care. The Nurse Practitioner will do prescriptions and ancillary services. Mr. Camarillo said he is hoping to have a Registered Dietician and Physical Therapist. Department of Health Services (DSHS) can approve all, none or part of this grant. Dr. Norton stated that only 20% of pregnant women will qualify for this program. Dr. Norton asked if there will be any scheduling outside of work hours for those that work. If this is for non-Medicaid working individuals it needs to be after hours, if this is truly for the working population. Mr. Price said if we are expanding the operation hours then we will not be over crowded. Mr. Price asked if there were any other locations that could be used. Mr. Camarillo said at the time he had to submit the application he had to have a location listed and Sears was the only available location. He said the location can be modified. Dr. Hawley asked if all services would be provided at the Sears location and he gave an example of dental services. Mr. Camarillo stated he spoke with Dr. Truong about doing this at the main clinic. Dr. Hawley asked if there was any more discussion regarding this program and there was not at this time.

Item IV – Review and Discussion of West Nile Virus and Mosquito Spraying – Glenn Bailey, Environmental Health Manager and Registered Sanitarian stated this was his first visit in almost 8 ½ years before the board. Mr. Bailey introduced Justin Williams, Registered Sanitarian and Mike Hammock, Utility Work. Mr. Bailey stated that mosquito spraying has changed in the last two years. Mr. Bailey read the status report and said there were three agencies he works with, Texas Department of Health Services which identifies the pest, Texas Department of Agriculture which does the licenses and Texas Department of Environmental Quality which governs the use of pesticides. Mr. Bailey stated they start monitoring around March 1st and starts the trappings around May 1st. They do this in various areas of the City of Abilene. Mr. Bailey stated there have been no deaths due to West Nile Virus this year. Mr. Hawley asked what precautions are taken if children come out during the spraying and Mr. Bailey said the pumps on the sprayers are turned off. Mr. Perini asked if there is anything else that can be done for mosquitos and Mr. Bailey said Deet and other repellants help. Mr. Bailey stated in some areas of the world they just live with this. Mr. Hawley thanked Mr. Bailey and welcomed him back.

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Item V – Review and Discussion of STD Reporting - Kay Durilla stated that numbers for STD have increased. Dr. Norton asked if they can test other than a blood test. Kay Durilla stated a blood test is done for HIV and Syphilis. Kay Durilla stated we can use urine for gonorrhea or chlamydia testing for males or females. Kay Durilla stated usually we do cervical specimens for females. Patients can go online to do testing, however when test results are positive they need to be treated. Mr. Williams asked if there was any reason for the increase. Kay Durilla stated people are coming in more and this could be related to Planned Parenthood closing down and it is no longer a test site. Dr. Travis said the ages are lower than in prior years. Dr. Travis said the Refugee Program does not test for HIV but the health department does test the refugees. Dr. Hawley thanked Kay Durilla.

Item VI – Review and Discussion of Lab Equipment Purchase – Nancy Jennings stated the Lab purchased three new pieces of equipment (Chemistry Analyzer, Hematology Analyzer and Computer that interfaces with other equipment to print reports and quality controls). The Lab also purchased a 5 year service agreement for the equipment. All the equipment is working well. Mr. Price asked if the expected new grant EPHC and the Lab could be tied together. Barry Camarillo stated the Lab would support the EPHC Program. Mr. Price also asked if we could send lab electronically. Nancy Jennings stated, we have the capability (E.H.R. ready) but we have not received any request to connect to any system.

Item VII – Adjourn – Dr. Hawley adjourned the meeting and thanked all members for attending. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District. No further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Hawley.