

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District
Board of Health
December 17, 2013

The Board of Health met on December 17th, 2013 at 1:05 PM, in the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District Conference Room and present were the following: Robert Hawley, D.D.S.; Peter Norton, M.D.; James McCoy; Stanley Smith; Zane Travis, M.D.; Shane Price; Tom Perini; James Childers; Leslie Andrews; Derrick Neal, MPA; Barry Camarillo; Kay Durilla; Nancy Jennings; Wayne Rose; Annette Lerma; Veronica Escalona; Dianne Tyler who acted as secretary and Broc Baird who recorded minutes.

Item I – Call to Order – Dr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Item II – Introduction of New Health Administrator – James Childers introduced Derrick Neal as the new Health Administrator of the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District. Derrick shared a little bit about himself, Dr. Hawley welcomed him.

Item III – Additions to Old Minutes – Dr. Hawley asked if there were any changes to the old minutes that need to be made. He then brought to light that Item II; line III minutes need to be corrected to “Dr.” Willingham.

Item IV – Review and Discussion of Class D Pharmacy – Kay explained what the Class D Pharmacy is. She also told us James McCoy would be the new Pharmacist in charge.

Item V – Review and Discussion of the Extended Primary Health Care (EPHC) Grant – Kay informed the members of the board that they have received the contract back and is the process of official signing. It is currently being routed through the system to eventually be signed by Mr. Gilley. She also stated that the interviewing process has begun for the new staff of the EPHC. The EPHC will start at the SEARS clinic and eventually be moved to a bigger building. Kay explained the EPHC takes in the expanded women’s health care clinic and the primary health care clinic. In addition to the women’s clinic, more family planning will done to provide birth control, breast and cervical cancer screening, will also be able to see women with chronic conditions, which would help provide prescription coverage for the medications they need (i.e. diabetes, hypertension, thyroid problems, etc.). She also stated that they are in the process of interviewing for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to run this clinic. Kay informed that there would be an increase in numbers for all the services that they perform because of this clinic. Dr. Norton wanted to know the rules for pap smears. Kay explained their regulations. Dr. Norton and Dr. Travis discussed Women’s Health Clinic (ADC – Alliance).

Item VI – Review and Discussion of renewal of WIC after hour’s clinic - Annette discussed what WIC was and stands for. She handed out brochures that they use for their outreach services. She informed the board that WIC is a part of the 19% of government programs that meet their goals. She also stated that half of the infants born in America are on WIC. WIC’s normal hours are Monday, Wednesday,

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Thursday, Friday from 8am-5pm and Tuesday from 8am-7pm. WIC will receive money based on the number of people seen and issued benefits. Dr. Hawley asked if everyone understood how WIC was funded.

Item VII – Review and Discussion of Flu Update – Dr. Travis thanked James McCoy for taking on the task of Pharmacist Consultant. Dr. Travis said that flu seems to be down this year. A-B are tending to be about the same at this time. He encouraged friends and family to get their flu shots. Dr. Norton said the hospital staff are being more aggressive with treating flu and are even wearing masks and asking patients who are sneezing to wear masks.

Item VIII – Review and Discussion of Medical Director Position – Derrick Neal said that the contract expires January 2014. Dr. Travis will stay on until we can hire his position. The new Health Authority will also be overseeing the new EPHC Clinic along with all of Dr. Travis' responsibilities. They have attempted to get another doctor on board to help with the EPHC. James Childers stated that Nancy Jennings would be retiring January 10, 2014. He stated that they are attempting to fill this position in the lab. Dr. Hawley thanked Nancy for her years of service at the ATCPHD.

Item IX – Meeting Adjourned – Mr. Price made the motion to adjourn the meeting, James McCoy second the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.