

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District
Board of Health
February 18, 2014

The Board of Health met on February 18, 2014 at 1:03 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.; Zane Travis, M.D.; Shane Price; Tom Perini; James Childers; and Derrick Neal, MPA.

Item I – Call to Order – Dr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Item II – Introduction of New Medical Authority – James Childers introduced Dr. Peter Norton, M.D. as the new Medical Authority of the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District. Dr. Travis will remain as the current medical authority until February 28, 2014 and Dr. Norton will begin as the new medical authority February 3, 2014.

Item III – Review and Approval of Minutes – Dr. Hawley asked if there were any changes to the old minutes that need to be made. Dr. Hawley moved to accept the minutes as they are written. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Item IV – Introduction of the new and old ATCPHD Staff Members – Nancy Hernandez, RN; Jessica Castillo, NFP; Nike Neuenheim, Health Management Coordinator; Thaddee Uwimana, Public Health Nurse III over the Refugee; all introduced themselves and gave a little bit of their background. Dr. Hawley thanked the new staff. Derrick informed Dr. Hawley that he would also like three ATCPHD employees to introduce themselves in order to be more transparent in their organization. Lois Woods, Nutritionist; has worked for WIC for 17 ½ years. Alyson Rhodes, Lab tech; has worked in the lab for 2 years drawing blood and water testing. Janet Falade, Refugee Nurse; has worked in refugee for 7 years.

Item V – Review and Discussion of the Extended Primary Health Care (EPHC) Grant – Derrick explained that they will start seeing patients next Monday, February 24, 2014 in order to meet the numbers they have to meet per their grant(s). James Childers explained that that they are still going through the process of getting the Fannin location approved. They are building a relationship within the community of the Fannin location. He said that they are unable to provide a timeframe at this point as to when they will be in the Fannin location. Dr. Hawley asked how many clients will be seen annually; Derrick said that per Christi Torres, RN and Clinic Coordinator, 2,242 clients will be seen annually. Dr. Hawley asked about public transportation to the Fannin location. Derrick explained that the majority of the people that will be going to the clinic live in that community so it is easy to get to. Dr. Hawley asked how many people will be working at the SEARS clinics. Christi and Derrick said 12 people. James Childers said that they are working on a fact sheet that will describe how the clinic's operation is going to function.

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Item VI – Review and Discussion the WIC program - Annette discussed breastfeeding and how they are promoting it within the community. The goal for breastfeeding is 81.9% and they are currently at 73.9%, locally they run a little bit lower than that. WIC has also brought on a new staff member that will be working from home. This staff member's job will be to contact mother's right after they have delivered their baby and see if they can get into the WIC program. Studies show that that is the most critical time to educate and get into the WIC program. Annette said that they have been contacted by Hendricks Hospital and they are in the process of the Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative through DSHS.

Item VII – Social Media – Derrick said they have developed a Facebook page that will educate our clients on all services so we can educate, inform, and advocate. Future is adding Twitter. Dr. Hawley encouraged everyone to go like the ATCPHD page on Facebook.

Item VIII – Review and Discussion of Flu and Flu Vaccines– Thaddee explained the importance of flu vaccines and gave monthly numbers for this fiscal year so far. Tom Perrini asked how many vaccines were given last year. Cristina Evans said that numbers are down because they got their vaccines later. The provider provides to pharmacies first. Dr. Norton said if you haven't had a flu vaccine you have to wear a mask (employees). Dr. Norton said he would see if there is a way to track how many citizens of Abilene have received flu vaccines (ex. Dyess-ISD, Hendricks, Regional, etc.).

Item IX – Meeting Adjourned – Mr. Price made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Derrick Neal second the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.