

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District
Board of Health Minutes
August 19, 2014

The Board of Health met on August 19, 2014 at 1:04 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.; Shane Price; Dell McKnight, M.D.; Leigh Taliaferrol, M.D.; Tom Perini; James Childers; Derrick Neal; Santos Navarrette.

Item I – Call to Order – Dr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 12:59 PM. Dr. Hawley started the roll call.

Item II – Introduction of New Health Advisory Board Members– Dr. Hawley asked Dr. Norton to introduce the two new Health Advisory Board Members. Dr. McKnight stated his background in family practice. Dr. Taliaferrol stated his background in the hospitals and surgery. Dr. Hawley thanked the two new board members.

Item III – Review and Approval of Minutes from May 20th Meeting– Dr. Hawley entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Taliaferrol made the motion to accept. Dr. McKnight second the motion; all were in favor.

Item IV – Review and Discussion of the EPHC and PHC Programs – Derrick gave an update on the status of both programs. Derrick stated that the PHC program will merge into the EPHC program because the contract with Medical Care Mission has been terminated. Derrick feels that we can provide just as good, if not better services than what was being provided with that contract. These programs will begin to take clients at the new (M.E.R.C.Y.) facility.

Item V – Project Update of the new EPHC Clinic – Santos stated that the agenda item is set to go before council August 28th, 2014 concerning the bid for the new EPHC facility. Santos stated that the hail damage further damaged the twenty-year-old roof, it was forgotten to put in the communication lines in the initial bid, and with those two items it is about \$620,000. The item going before City Council will be asking for \$400,000. James added that they might be able to get passed paying for the roof since the building was attained from AISD and it could possibly be covered by the City's insurance. James stated that the key point is that they will be moving forward with the construction of the new facility (former Boys & Girls Club). Dr. Norton stated that the location is a very good location for incoming clients. James sated (per Dr. Hawley's request) that the reason for obtaining this building was because it was the most cost affective building they could find as well as providing them the opportunity to utilize more resources. Dr. McKnight asked about funding for the program, Santos explained, in detail. The funding for the building and the EPHC/PHC program as well as what their plan is to create more funds for the program and additional positions, in particular, another nurse practitioner. Dr. Taliaferrol asked how many clients the SEARS Clinic see a day, Santos stated that they are not seeing as many clients as they should be, but they are getting the word out to the community. Derrick stated that he wanted the Board to know that they

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are trying to make sure that Medical Care Mission is a liable resource for their clients and that they want to terminate the contract on a "good" note.

Item VI – Review and Discussion of Preventative Health Measures Pertaining to Measles and Ebola, Dr. Peter Norton, ATCPHD Health Authority – Dr. Norton stated that Wayne Rose was involved with the Measles the most. Dr. Norton explained that Measles in the U.S. occurred in a child who had not been vaccinated. Dr. Norton explained the origins of Ebola and how it has come into the U.S. over the years. Dr. Norton explained the relationship between Measles and Ebola and that there is no reason to not vaccinate children and that, he believes, they should be very aggressive in talking to parents about vaccinating their children. Dr. Hawley asked if there was a test for Ebola in the U.S. Dr. Norton stated that there is only one place to be tested in the U.S. Dr. Hawley asked if there were any other questions concerning this item. No further questions were asked.

Item VII – Health Department Employee Overview – Derrick introduced two Health Department employees to the Board:

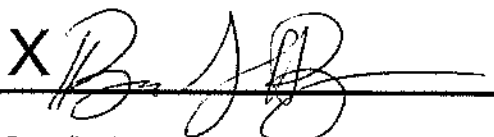
- Kristy Jo Rodela, Tuberculosis Nurse: She is the TB Nurse for Abilene-Taylor County. Anyone who has active TB, she delivers their medications to their homes. She works with many doctors in Abilene, the refugee program, immunizations, SEARS clinic, the jail, Salvation Army and many other places to do TB testing. Dr. Hawley thanked Kristy for her service.
- Jennifer Jones, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor: Jennifer is one of 4 Breastfeeding Peer Counselors on the WIC staff. She stated that they do outreach in the community promoting breastfeeding, they do deliveries of OB bags and nutrition bags, and they rotate on a 24-hour hotline. She stated that their goal is to get moms to exclusively breastfeed for as long as they possibly can. They also do breast pump deliveries to hospitals. Jennifer listed many other things that they do as Breastfeeding Peer Counselors. Dr. Hawley thanked Jennifer for her service.

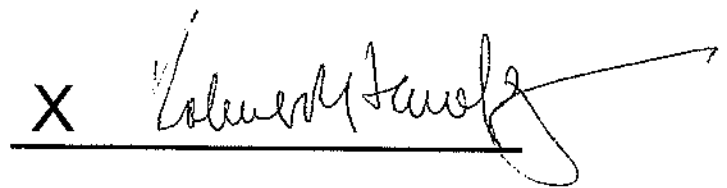
Item VIII – Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner – Santos gave some insight concerning the new Nurse Practitioner, Kameko McGuire, N.P. and stated that there are three items he needs the Board to consider for the City Council agenda.

1. The Board fully supports the hiring of the EPHC Nurse Practitioner.
2. The Board supports the construction of the new building.
3. The Board is supportive of obtaining a new Dentist.

Dr. Hawley asked Santos if we wanted to discuss construction of the new building any further, he is aware that it is not on the agenda. Santos stated that they are mainly focusing on the internal remodeling of the building.

Item IX – Adjourn - Dr. Hawley adjourned the meeting at 1:46pm.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Chair