

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District
Health Advisory Board Minutes
February 16, 2016

The Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District (ATCPHD) Advisory Board met on February 16th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the ATCPHD Conference Room. Present were the following: Dr. Robert Hawley, D.D.S.; Dr. Peter Norton, M.D.; Dr. Maxey McKnight, M.D.; Mr. Shane Price; Mr. Randy Williams; Mr. Derrick Neal; and Mrs. Lesli Andrews

Item I – Call to Order – Dr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Item II – Review and Approval of Minutes from November 17th, 2015 Meeting
Dr. Hawley asked the board to review the minutes. Dr. McKnight made the motion to accept the minutes, and Mr. Shane Price seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Item III – Abilene- Taylor County Public Health District FY 2015 Achievements
Derrick Neal, Health Administrator:

- Recognized Vital Statistics for a 5 star exemplary award.
- Medicaid Administrative Claiming has garnered approximately \$8,000 so far this year.
- WIC hosted Texas Association of Local WIC Directors meeting and Breastfeeding Day successfully.
- Preparedness grant spent 100% of grant funds. Expanded Primary Health Care and Immunizations utilized 100% as well. The Refugee Health Program has a 90.49% performance rate. Texas Healthy Communities utilized 100% of grant funds, and WIC spent 77.9%.
- Increase of parolees from Cuba coming to our area to be served under the Refugee Program.
- Introduction of Tony Ruiz, Physician Assistant (PA). Tony spoke about assisting Dr. Norton with the Refugee program.
- Introduction of Mark Lueke Epidemiologist Intern. Mark spoke about personal protective equipment and the possibility of partnering with local hospitals.
- Introduction of Vincent Cantu- Health Management Coordinator.

Item IV – Health Authority/ Medical Director Contract Status/Extension and Recruitment

Derrick Neal, Health Administrator:

- Dr. Norton will continue to serve as the Medical Director and Health Authority for an additional two year period.

Item V – Electronic Health Records (EHR) & Dental Practice Management System (DPMS)

Update by: Nike Neuenheim

- The EHR proposals that the health district received were over the budgeted amount. After re-bid, InSync Healthcare Solutions was selected. The contract became effective December 22, 2015. The implementation phase has begun, consisting of webinars and on-site training.

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- The DPMS also had to go through a re-bidding process. We have selected EagleSoft, but do not have a contract in place at this time. Currently, the contract is under review by their legal department.
- The health division received confirmation regarding moving forward with the purchase of hardware for this program. The server will be housed and serviced by the City's IT department.

Item VI - Laboratory Operations Status Review

Update by: Jessica DeNigro


- The lab conducted over 18,000 tests last year. Mercy Health Care Center passed its CLIA inspection. The lab would like to expand its operation, providing a greater number of tests.

Item VII - Refugee Program Status Report-

Update by: Kay Durilla

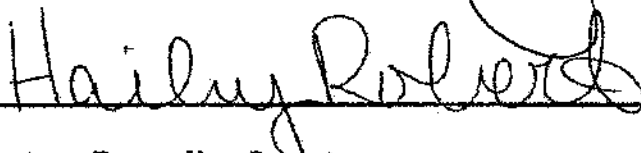
The Refugee Health Program will serve an estimate of 664 clients this year, with the possibility of an increase in clients moving into fiscal year 2017. The program is now able to refer refugee clients to the Federally Qualified Health Care Center, based upon the fact that a majority have Medicaid. Many clients are not able to schedule new patient appointments with local doctors. The registered nurse has always been able to conduct physical exams for children, but these exams now have to be completed by a PA or nurse practitioner. Cuban prisons are releasing people who are then coming to the Midland area and then to the health district for care.

Item VIII - Adjourn - Dr. Hawley adjourned the meeting at 1:31p.m. The next Board of Health meeting will be May 17th, 2016.



Signature Board Chairman

Date



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Signature Recording Secretary

Date