

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

The Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District (ATCPHD) Advisory Board met on August 16th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Services Department. Present were the following: Dr. Robert Hawley, DDS; Dr. Peter Norton, MD; Shane Price; Dr. Maxey McKnight, MD; James McCoy; Tom Perini; Dr. Leigh Taliaferro, MD; Santos Navarrette; Lesli Andrews; Chace Craig

Item I - Call to Order – Dr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Item II - Review and Approval of the Minutes from May 17th Meeting

Dr. Hawley asked the board to review the minutes. Dr. McKnight made the motion to accept the minutes, and Dr. Hawley seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Item III - Selection of the New ATCPHD Health Director: Santos Navarrette, Jr.
Lesli Andrews, Director of the Community Services Department**

Lesli Andrews presented Santos Navarrette to the board as the new Health Director of the ATCPHD.

**Item IV - ATCPHD Budget: Revised FY 2016 and Proposed FY 2017
Santos Navarrette, Health Director**

- FY 2016 budget of 4.9 million was revised to 4.4 million, with a FY 2017 proposed budget of 4.1 million. The short fall is due to the immunization and vital statistics programs not doing as well as we believed they would. Mr. Navarrette recognized a need to review the existing vaccine fee schedule. ATCPHD is losing revenue at this point and will try to revise immunization fees by next year.
- Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) program ended on August 31st, 2016. Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS) program was implemented, and the Family Planning (FP) program just received funding. There are now 18 different funding sources. ATCPHD received funding for the Texas Healthy Communities (TXHC) program for a third year in the row. Primary Health Care (PHC) and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Food and Nutrition programs are level funded. Woman's healthcare in Texas, including the Healthy Texas Women's (HTW) program is now funded by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
- No additional funding has been made available for the Zika virus. The ATCPHD emergency preparedness section has received permission from DSHS to reallocate Ebola funding for Zika, for the purchase of items such as spray and dunks. The ATCPHD will meet with designated individuals within the county and city, in addition to vector control, to discuss logistics associated with future cases of Zika in Abilene/Taylor County.
- ATCPHD is currently dealing with a reduction in funding. They plan on looking at prevention funding from the state for HIV/STD. Mr. Navarrette stated that most funds are syphilis specific and that Abilene does not have a high syphilis rate.

Shane Price asked why the health division would wait until next year to raise immunization fees. Mr. Navarrette responded that the ATCPHD attempted to raise fees this year, but upper management chose not to include the changes in the 2017 proposed budget. Mr. Navarrette stated that the ATCPHD would refigure the fees and propose the fees next year. Dr. Hawley asked if the ATCPHD should add a surcharge to immunizations as a temporary measure. Lesli Andrews stated that the ATCPHD could not add surcharges without City Council permission. Dr. Leigh Taliaferro asked how many people the ATCPHD could see with the 4 million dollar budget. Ms. Kay Durilla, Nursing Program Manager, responded that they could see around 18,000 clients.

**Item V - Update of the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and Family Planning (FP) Programs
Kay Durilla, Nursing Program Manager**

The HTW Program will always be fee for service, with no limit on patients or dollars received for care. It will cover United States citizens, legal immigrants, ages 15 to 44 years old, and Texas residents without insurance. Areas of coverage for HTW are reproductive care, chronic care for diabetes/cholesterol, and high blood pressure. The Family Planning (FP) program will provide screening, but not treatment. The FP program covers men, women, and teens ages 15-64 who are Texas residents, including undocumented immigrants.

**Item VI - Texas Healthy Communities (TXHC) Program: Community Garden and Planned Activities/Programming
Veronica Escalona, Health Administration Specialist**

The ATCPHD expanded the community garden, located at 1902 Shelton Street, from 3 to 11 beds. In June a master gardener helped plant over 130 fruit and vegetable plants. ATCPHD received a bronze recognition level award from the state. WIC invited community members, not only WIC program participants, to attend their monthly cooking classes to learn more about nutrition. The first class had 8 participants. Shane Price asked if

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there were plans for expansion, and Mr. Navarrette responded that the ATCPHD planned on applying for a farmer's market certification, which would increase funding options related to garden expansion.

Item VII- WIC Special Project: Utilizing WIC Discretionary Funding- Improvements to the WIC Kitchen
Annette Lerma, WIC Director

WIC received an additional \$10,000 for a special project. They plan on expanding the kitchen area with a walk-in pantry and washer/dryer. WIC went through the City's competitive bidding process, and Mackie Construction was selected for the project.

Item VIII- Dental Program: Update of Dentist I/II Position & Healthy Oral Mouth for Every Student (HOMES) Project

Nike Neuenheim, Health Management Coordinator

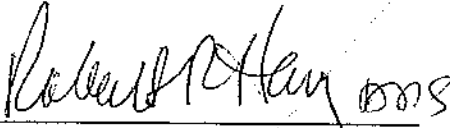
The ATCPHD dentist, Dr. Margaret Cowling, DDS, has resigned from her position and it has been posted on the City's website. The ATCPHD is currently looking at hiring a contractual dentist, or going through a staffing agency. Once the ATCPHD hires a dentist, the goal is to provide services to 8-10 clients per day. The dental program received grant funding from the Community Foundation of Abilene (CFA) for the Healthy Oral Mouth for Every Student (HOMES) program. The HOMES program provides no-cost oral healthcare services to homeless youth in Abilene/Taylor County. The ATCPHD partnered with Region 14 Education Services Center (ESC) to provide oral health services to these youth. ATCPHD has through November 2016 to use the \$30,000. Shane Price asked how ATCPHD promotes HOMES. Mrs. Neuenheim stated that Region 14 ESC is marketing the program to their students, and that the ATCPHD is contacting Hope Haven, Faith Works, and other organizations as well. The HOMES program will provide services to 150 students. Dr. Hawley suggested contacting the local dental society and letting private dentists provide services to the students if the health division was unable to do so within the deadline. Mr. Navarrette stated that ATCPHD was looking into that option.

Item IX- ZIKA Update: Awareness Campaign

Vincent Cantu, Health Planning Coordinator

Mr. Vincent Cantu stated that ATCPHD's preparedness section has made Zika kits to hand out to the public. These kits include mosquito repellent, dunks, and literature. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reallocated \$5000 from Ebola to Zika, enabling the ATCPHD to purchase the mosquito dunks and spray. \$750 was allocated towards informative pamphlets to handout throughout the community. Lesli Andrews stated that Mr. Cantu will be the new Vector Control Officer for the City of Abilene.

Item X - Adjourn - Dr. Hawley adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. The next Board of Health meeting will be November 15th, 2016.



Board Chairperson



Recording Secretary