

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2018 1:02 pm

Members Present:

Dr. Robert Hawley, DDS
Dr. Lynn Robinson MD
Mr. Shane Price, Councilman
Mr. James McCoy
Dr. James McKnight
Mr. Randy Williams, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Ms. Veronica Escalona
Ms. Barby Jeffers
Mr. Saul Delgado
Ms. Amy Fulcher
Dr. Peter Norton, MD
Mr. Santos Navarrette, Jr.
Ms. Annette Lerma
Mr. Chace Craig

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 1: 02 p.m. and Ms. Howard recorded the minutes. A quorum of members was present, and the meeting proceeded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Hawley asked the board to review the minutes from the last meeting on December 12, 2017. Dr. Hawley asked if any members objected to minute approval; Mr. Price requested some changes be made to the minutes. Changes were noted. No other objections.

**The Board approved the minutes with the revision to correct the vote.
The vote was approved with none in opposition.**

AGENDA ITEMS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Introduction of new Dental Program staff Jennifer Ezeh, D.D.S. and Registered Dental Assistant Malak Wills; Board of Health member Dr. Lynn Robinson, (Santos Navarrette Jr., Health Services Director)

Mr. Navarrette introduced the new dentist, Dr. Jennifer Ezeh, dental assistant Malak Wills, and the new board member Dr. Lynn Robinson

3.2 Funding update of several grants. United Way funding for M.E.R.C.Y. Health Care Center; Community Foundations of Abilene funding for Sealants Available for Everyone (S.A.F.E.) Kids II Program; Community and Clinical Health Bridge Project (CCHBP) grant to reduce the impact of obesity. (Santos Navarrette Jr., Health Services Director)

Mr. Navarrette spoke about United Way Funding for the 2nd year that will go towards M.E.R.C.Y. programs.

Mr. Navarrette discussed the SAFE Kids II Program which will allow for sealants to be offered to kids at local schools.

Mr. Navarrette also discussed the plan to educate the community on ways to reduce obesity and the health risks associated with it.

3.3 Texas Association for City and County Health Officials (TACCHO) 2018 Premier Public Health Conference highlights concerning public health programs and services in Texas and across the United States (Annette Lerma, Assistant Health Services Director)

Ms. Lerma informed the board on the Taylor County health rankings and how we compare to the rest of the state. Also highlighted were disparities between local health factors and health outcomes.

Ms. Lerma discussed our role as Public Health is to consider how the social determinants of health influence health outcomes and what interventions can be implemented to improve population health.

3.4 Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS) Program expand to include San Angelo area citizens for eligible services. (Amy Fulcher, Health Administration Coordinator)

Ms. Fulcher spoke about possibly expanding her services to other counties because San Angelo was discontinuing their BCCS program which would leave a large service area uncovered for important screenings. More discussions are needed to determine if this is feasible.

3.5 April 7, 2018, Community Block Celebration for Public Health Week (April 2-8, 2018) at M.E.R.C.Y. Health Care Center (Saul Delgado, Texas Healthy Communities Health Educator)

Mr. Delgado discussed the 1st Annual Public Health Day, it is designed be a fun way to educate parents and children on obesity, diseases, health risks, and what resources are available locally that aim to improve health.

3.6 Public Health Proclamations that will be presented at City Council and Commissioner's Court meetings leading up to Public Health Week (Santos Navarrette Jr., Health Services Director)

Mr. Navarrette spoke about Public Health Week and upcoming meetings to make a Public Health Proclamation recognizing National Public Health Week 2018.

3.7 Flu Statistics for Taylor County (Wayne Rose, Epidemiologist)

Mr. Rose informed the board that there have been 3,000 deaths in Texas from the flu including 12 infants.

Mr. Rose discussed how important it is to educate the community to get their flu vaccines.

3.8 Brief overview and impact to our community of all clinical programs that are provided at M.E.R.C.Y. Health Care Center (Dr. Peter Norton, Medical Director Health Authority)

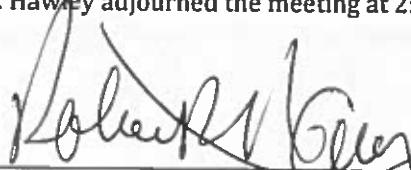
Dr. Norton informed the board about the programs available to the public such as Healthy Texas Women (HTW), Family Planning, Primary Health Care (PHC), Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS), and STD testing.

3.9 Upcoming Board of Health meeting dates

Mrs. Lerma asked if there were any concerns with the upcoming meeting dates and times listed on the agenda. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Hawley adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m. The next Board of Health meeting will be May 15th at 1:00 PM

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Signature of Board Chairperson / Date

