

**HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 4, 2018 1:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Dr. Robert Hawley, DDS  
Mr. Jack Rentz, City Councilman  
Mr. James McCoy  
Mr. Randy Williams, Commissioner  
Dr. Lynn Robinson  
Mr. Tom Perini

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Veronica Escalona  
Ms. Barby Jeffers  
Ms. Hailey Shirley  
Ms. Bettye Gindratt  
Ms. Annette Lerma  
Ms. Cari Waller  
Mr. Chace Craig  
Dr. Peter Norton, MD

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Ms. Shirley 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 August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Dr. Hawley asked if any members objected to minute approval; No objections. Minutes approved.

**The Board approved the minutes.**

**AGENDA ITEMS & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3.1 Proposed schedule of discounts under Title X funding from Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (Cari Waller, Clinic Coordinator)**

- Ms. Waller spoke about Title X, the new funding program M.E.R.C.Y will be participating in. Title X provides a broad range of Family Planning services and focuses on low income individuals. M.E.R.C.Y was awarded \$19,000 with an additional \$6,000 to purchase long active reproductive contraceptives (LARCS). Title X does require use of a sliding fee schedule. Patients at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level will pay nothing out of pocket.
- Cari also touched on the fact that Title X does not require parental consent for sexually active children.
- A motion was made to approve the fee schedule. Motion seconded. Approved.

**3.2 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for M.E.R.C.Y Health Care Center and the Dental Safety Net Program (Annette Lerma, Health Services Director)**

- Ms. Lerma spoke on receiving CDBG Funding in the amount of \$56,750 to cover medical services at MERCY. ATCPHD also received \$33,140 for the Dental Program. \$8,138 will be

used to replace the current dental chairs and \$25,002 will be for the Dental Safety net program.

### 3.3 Taylor County Indigent Health Care Program overview (Bettye Gindratt, Program Director)

- Ms. Gindratt spoke about the Indigent Health Care Program and how they provide healthcare to citizens whom are at or below 21% of the Federal Poverty Level. The program has a goal of a healthier community through providing preventative and basic healthcare in partnership with Medical Care Mission. Participants do have to work with the Texas Workforce Commission in hopes of retaining employment, and unless the participant is disabled, their resources cannot exceed \$2,000 in order to qualify. Disabled persons can potentially hold up to \$3,000 in resources.
- Ms. Gindratt mentioned that 8% of the county's budget goes to indigent healthcare which includes the undocumented.

### 3.4 Open Meetings Act Refresher (Chace Craig, Assistant City Attorney)

- Mr. Craig presented a presentation on the Texas Open Meetings Act as a refresher for board members. Chace mentioned possible civil and criminal penalties for not following the Act.

### 3.5 Texas Association of City and County Health Officials (TACCHO) Position Statements to be carried by legislative advocate on behalf of Public Health in Texas (Annette Lerma, Interim Health Services Director)

- Dr. Hawley asked if any members objected to this item being tabled; No objections. Item was tabled.

### 3.6 Quarter 3 program summary for WIC, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Vital Statistics, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Immunizations, Tuberculosis, Refugee, Breast and Cervical Cancer Services, Pharmacy, STD, Family Planning, Healthy Texas Women, Prenatal, Primary Health Care, and Texas Health Steps (Dr. Peter Norton, Medical Health Authority)

- Dr. Norton briefly discussed ATCPHD's performance numbers for the last quarter.

### 3.7 2019 Health Advisory Board meeting dates and times (Veronica Escalona, Health Management Coordinator)

- Dr. Hawley asked if any members objected to this item being tabled; No objections. Item was tabled.

### ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Hawley adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. The next Board of Health meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM



Signature of Board Chairperson/Date