

MINUTES
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board
November 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board was held Monday, November 16, 2009. Vice Chair Karen Shumate called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

BOARD PHOTOGRAPH

A group photograph was taken by Lisa Horn, Communications Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

Shirley Martin-Smith moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Health Board Minutes of October 19, 2009, and the October 2009 monthly Financial Reports be approved. Gerald Pees provided the second and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lawrence Memorial Hospital H1N1 contract

Dan Partridge reviewed the contract for clinic support between the Health Department and Lawrence Memorial Hospital (LMH) which had been previously approved by the Board. The contract is effective on October 21, 2009. The contract states LMH will assist in providing nursing services for the community-wide H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics in exchange for reimbursement of actual personnel costs, not to exceed \$25,000. Dan Partridge stated LMH nurses have helped at several H1N1 clinics already.

Health Board Composition

Shirley Martin-Smith led a discussion with other Board members regarding their thoughts about expanding the Health Board. Shirley stated a larger Board brings more diversity of skills and experience to the Board. Shirley also stated the broader the Board representation, the more the Board can help the Health Department reach more people in the community. After discussion, the Board requested that Shirley do more research and the Board will table for further discussion until after the first of the year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Dan Partridge reported on H1N1 influenza planning and operations at the Health Department. Dan presented a chart showing the number of H1N1 vaccinations given by week to the different priority groups. A second chart was also discussed showing the vaccine availability history by week. There have been a total of 30 H1N1 influenza clinics in Douglas County. The Health Department held clinics at the Eudora schools and Baldwin City for priority groups. Dan stated the Health Department also held H1N1 influenza clinics at 14 elementary schools in Lawrence on November 11th and November 12th. Dan reported that 2,800 doses were administered at the Lawrence elementary schools, 1,402 doses given at Haskell Indian Nations University and 1,500 doses were given at the Fairgrounds H1N1 clinics. Dan stated there will be an H1N1 influenza clinic at the Health Department for priority groups on Saturday, November 21, 2009, from 9:00 am to noon and on Thursday, December 3rd from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
2. Dan Partridge updated the Board on the Community Health Facility Open House held Sunday, November 8, 2009. Dan reported approximately 100 people attended the event. Dan also reviewed the virtual tour of the Community Health Facility on the Health Department's website at www.ldchealth.org.
3. Dan Partridge reported effective July 1, 2009, the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010 contract for the Family Planning grant program was increased by \$15,514 for a total of \$172,074. This one-time supplemental federal funding is to enhance clinical service provision.
4. Dan Partridge invited the Health Board to attend a Christmas Open House at his home on Friday, December 18, 2009.

5. Dan Partridge announced that the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department received the 1st place award for Annual Reports from the National Public Health Information Coalition for the Health Department's 2008 Annual Report. Lisa Horn, Communications Coordinator was the primary author of the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Recognition Letters

The Board signed a Letter of Recognition for Sue McDaneld congratulating her on 15 years of service. The Board also signed a Letter of Recognition for Ginger Salmans congratulating her on 5 years of service.

Other

1. Alan Cowles acknowledged and thanked a local dentist office, Smiling Faces, who sent pizza to workers at the Langston-Hughes Elementary School H1N1 influenza clinic on Thursday, November 12, 2009.
2. Alan Cowles, Chair, moved that the Health Board reopen the Consent Agenda and revise the Minutes of October 19, 2009, to read on the third page under "New Business," "Other," number 2, "Alan Cowles, Chair, expressed the opinion that accident prevention and the prevention of crime involving personal injury could be seen as public health issues and recommended the Board consider the issue at a later time." Karen Shumate provided the second and the motion passed.
3. The next regularly scheduled Health Board meeting will be Monday, December 21, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm on a motion by Gerald Pees and a second by Shirley Martin-Smith.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dan Partridge,
Secretary

Present: Alan Cowles
 Paul Liechti
 Shirley Martin-Smith
 Gerald Pees
 Karen Shumate
Ex Officio: Dan Partridge
Other: Karrey Britt
 Jennie Henault
 Colleen Hill
 Lisa Horn
 Charlotte Marthaler