

>>>>>January 19, 2010 Board of Health Meeting minutes:<<<<<<

Present: Kay Banta, Connie Ostrander, Judi Benjamin, Jim Meharry, Jane Cooney and Ivadale Foster

Absent: Brenda Larsen, Dr. Karen Broaders, Dr. Todd Miller, Jason Asaad

The meeting was called to order by President Kay Banta at 7:20 PM.

A motion was made to approve the agenda; motion, Jane Cooney; second, Judi Benjamin; **Motion carried unanimously**

Audience Comments: Board of Health members introduced themselves to audience present and audience likewise introduced themselves. **Those present** were County Board Chairman Jim McMahon, Scott Kair, Orick Nightlinger and Indiana State Nursing Student, Corina Masterman.

A letter from VCHD Nurse Practitioner, Vickie Ellis, was distributed.

A motion was made to approve the regular minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting; **motion**, Jane Cooney; **second**, Judi Benjamin; **motion carried unanimously**

Fiscal Status:

Mr. Laker reported that there are no close of year numbers at this point due to the current fiscal situation. Also, the Auditor's office is experiencing a staff shortage which may be causing a delay in payments.

VCHD still has \$33,831 for outstanding 2009 payables; \$23,000 payables are to the County.

Mr. Laker also reports that our Financial Director is out of the office due to recent surgery.

Budget and Expenditure Report for October, CYF 2009 was struck from the agenda as this was approved at the November Meeting as noted in the November minutes.

Mr. Laker reports that there is no fiscal change in the situation from last month. VCHD continues to receive a little state money.

Mr. Laker provided Board Members with a correction to the memo previously issued regarding the impact projections of budget cut options. This correction memo will be sent to County Board members.

Status Report on the Line of Credit Loan:

\$300,000 still owed to County due March 8, 2010

Old Business: None.

New Business: Affirmation of Interim Business Polls:

A.1. **Authorization** to Notify IDHS of the Termination of the HFI, AOK and TIPCM Grant Contracts. **A motion was made** to approve the authorization. **motion:** Judi Benjamin; second, Connie Ostrander; **motion carried:** 5 "yes" votes; 1 "no" vote. Board President Kay Banta then asked for a show of hands - "Yes" Votes: Judi Benjamin, Connie Ostrander, Jim Meharry, Ivadale Foster, Kay Banta; "No" Votes: Dr. Jane Cooney

B. No Executive Session required at this meeting

C. **Approval** of a \$423,972 Budget Amendment Ordinance Due to the termination of the IDHS Grant Contracts; **a motion was made** to approve the Budget Amendment Ordinance; **motion:** Ivadale Foster; **second:** Jim Meharry; motion carried; there were 5 "yes" votes; 1 "no" vote; Board President Kay

Banta then asked for a show of hands: “Yes” Votes: Judi Benjamin, Connie Ostrander, Jim Meharry, Ivadale Foster, Kay Banta; “No” Votes: Dr. Jane Cooney

Approval of a Revised Family Planning Fee Schedule; **motion was made** to approve the Revised Family Planning Fee Schedule; Mr. Laker explained that this is a mandated standardized fee schedule. This is a midyear correction/revision of the fee schedule; **motion:** Judi Benjamin; **second:** Dr. Jane Cooney; **motion carried** unanimously.

E. Discussion of Continuing Fiscal Crisis

Mr. Laker explained that some money is coming in. There are different stories every day regarding the State fiscal status. Locally, CRIS Senior Services has been affected; Center for Children Services (CCS) has been affected. The CCS had a “New Beginnings” program that paralleled the VCHD HFI program. Between the losses of the 2 programs over 100 families have been affected.

Items of Information

Financial Director Donna Dunham recently had surgery and plans to return to work in 4-6 weeks.

Vermilion Quick Facts were distributed by Mr. Laker. This is data specific to Vermilion County that was assimilated by State Department of Human Services field staff. It is a quick snapshot of the some of the problems Vermilion County is faced with.

Mr. Laker asked if Board Chairman McMahan had additional comments he wished to make. Chairman McMahan declined any additional comments at this time.

Mr. Laker stated that the cut of the 3 DHS programs was proactive and realistic response to the fiscal situation. This action enabled preservation of resources for at least another 4-6 weeks. Mr. Laker stated that there is some risk in taking a budget amendment to the County Board as the County Board can make an “amendment” to the original amendment which would take a simple majority to change the original amendment. He further explained that it would take a 2/3 majority to then pass the amended amendment. Mr. Laker re-stated that the risk is a possibility.

Mr. Laker said that if Option 4 is acted upon overall staff would be reduced to approximately 40 staff. On February 9, 2010 the County Board must make a resolution to extend the \$300,000 loan owed by VCHD. The call date on the loan is March 8, 2010. Mr. Laker has posed the question to Chairman McMahan and to attorney Bill Donahue regarding the legal/financial implications if the loan is not extended. Mr. Laker reported that Bill Donahue is further investigating and will get back with Mr. Laker and Chairman McMahan regarding this issue.

Chairman McMahan stated that with Option 4 some may look to eliminate all State programs. He voiced concern that the State won't make any payments. He stated to the Board of Health that they should be concerned about that.

Board of Health President Kay Banta stated that the Board of Health has been aware and concerned for sometime.

Mr. Laker said he has to support the elimination of the 3 DHS programs in an effort to preserve resources. Further staff reductions may be forthcoming due to the State fiscal crisis. It is possible that State budgets may be cut by an additional 20-25%

In other items of information, Board President, Kay Banta, stated that Mr. Laker's annual evaluation had been completed and "was above average as usual."

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; **motion:** Judi Benjamin; **second:** Jane Cooney; **motion carried** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Trimmell, Director of Community Health Services
(in behalf of Donna J. Dunham, Recording Secretary); Ivadale Foster,
Secretary, Board of Health