Meeting Minutes:

Date and Time of Meeting: August 21, 2014 - 5:00pm

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting of the Marion Public Health Board

Meeting Called to Order:

Angie Yazel called the meeting of the Board of Health of Marion Public Health to order at 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 21, 2014. Due to a lack of a quorum, there will be no action taken.

Roll Call- Members Present: Scott Ballenger; Tara Dyer; Angie Yazel

Members Absent: Excused: Rob Lill; Dr. Patel; Brenda Wagner
Not Excused: Butch Smith

Others Present:

MPH Staff and Others- Thomas Quade, Health Commissioner; Traci Kinsler, Administrator/Fiscal Director; Abbey Trimble, Population Health Director; Gwen Janeczek, Nursing Director; Katrina Harwood, WIC Director; Tyler Pigman, Environmental Health Director; Lisa Cook, Executive Administrative Assistant; Mary Salimbene Merriman, District Epidemiologist

Public- None

Forum for Public Comment:

None

Financial Report/Administrative Report:

All expenditures and revenues have been reconciled with the County Auditor’s Reports for the month of July. The 2014 Marion General Hospital subsidy money was received.

Traci Kinsler presented the bills and financial transactions for board consideration.

Contract(s) for approval were included in the Board of Health packet:

Births in Marion: 88/ Birth Certificates issued: 268
Deaths in Marion: 47/ Death Certificates Issued: 153/ Burial Permits: 37

WIC:

Katrina Harwood presented the WIC report. The July caseload was 2,019 with an average caseload for the grant year of is 2,000.

With August being Breastfeeding Awareness Month, the Breastfeeding Coalition consisting of MGH and Marion Public Health held the 1st Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk in downtown Marion. Approximately 40 people participated in the walk.
The MPH WIC Division had a Wyandot County WIC employees observe our clinic and she provided very positive feedback on our clinic services.

**Environmental Report**

Tyler Pigman presented the following program updates:

**Food:**
- Total inspections: 118 (Prior month: 74)
- Number of inspections compared to the prior month: increase of 44 inspections
- Average violations per location: 1.32 (Prior month: 1.6)
- The number of violations per location ranged from 0 to 9 (Prior month: 0 to 13)

Tyler added that the Food Program was recently audited by the Ohio Department of Agriculture with results expected in approximately 10 days.

**Pools & Spas:**
- Total inspections: 23
- Number of inspections compared to the prior month: increase of 3 inspections
- Average violations per location: 0.78
- The number of violations per location ranged from 0 to 3

Tyler added that he has been accepted to sit on the State Pool Rules Advisory Committee.

**Grass and Weeds:**
- Total Grass/Weed complaints: 151
- Number of complaints compared to the prior month: increase of 16 complaints
- Cost of Mailings for Grass/Weed Program: July – $179.36/June – $1,231.20

**Plumbing Inspections:**
- Total Residential inspections: 5
- Total Commercial inspections: 6

Tyler presented a request for an extension on a residential plumbing permit from Bruce Newsome; 2633 LaRue Prospect Rd. The residential plumbing permit application does state the permit has a 12 month expiration with an additional clause that a residential plumbing permit extension may be granted.

The EPA is currently conducting an audit.

The EH staff assisted the Nursing Division with putting up posters promoting immunizations.

**Population Health Report:**

Gwen Janeczek discussed activities promoting National Immunization Month and the immunization program. The Marion Star ran an article with picture and video promoting back to school immunization.

Communicable Disease Report- Mary Salimbene Merriman presented a report on Communicable Disease trends in Marion County.
Abbey Trimble discussed the Population Health staffing transitions taking place over the next couple of months with the November 15th retirement of Viki Midlam.

Through the Creating Healthy Communities Grant, Erin Creeden is leading a Water First for Thirst campaign with the MPH employees. Erin is working with community employers in the Marion area like Sika, Whirlpool, and the school systems to promote and encourage water consumption. The goal is to consume 64 ounces of water per day.

The CHC Program and YMCA partnered to grow an acre of corn for community consumption and that is currently available for picking.

**Medical Director’s Report:**

Dr. Janchar was present.

**Health Commissioner’s Report:**

We have 3 BOH members that need to complete the Board of Health Continuing Education Plan by the end of 2014.

Mr. Quade provided a MOU and Contract update. The City Law Director is working on revised language to the MOU. The goal is to complete this process by year end.

The 8/15 All-Staff Meeting included Performance Management Metrics and the Public Health Competencies training. We had a Professional Pride Exercise that included cleaning our fleet of vehicles and break rooms.

We are at the front end of the Readiness Phase of the Accreditation process.

**President’s Comments:**

Angie Yazel presented questions to Dr. Janchar on the Ebola epidemic and treatment.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully prepared by Lisa Cook, Executive Administrative Assistant, and submitted by Thomas Quade, Health Commissioner

**NEXT MEETING OF THE MARION PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD:**

September 18, 2014 5:00pm in Conference Room 128 of Marion Public Health located at 181 S. Main Street; Marion, OH 43302