

The Lehigh Valley Board of Health

An Historic Public Health Partnership between the Counties of Lehigh and Northampton

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 14, 2010

County Council Chambers
Northampton County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ilene Prokup at 6:00 PM.

Board members present: Carol A. Kuplen, RN, MSN Halyna I. Stegura, RN, MSN
David G. Beckwith, PhD Judith K. Maloney, JD, MPH
Ilene S. Prokup, RN, MS Eric J. Gertner, MD, MPH

Also in attendance: Michael A. Gaul, Esq.
Gerald M. Barron, MPH
Amy Holtz

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mrs. Prokup.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT The meeting having been duly announced, Mrs. Prokup welcomed members of the public and offered the opportunity for public comment. Steve Krajewski from Williams Township requested that the LVBOH provide assistance to Lehigh County's initiative to have a mental health program at Sacred Heart and mentioned that possibly a letter of support could be sent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mrs. Prokup called for any additions or corrections to the May 19, 2010 minutes. There were 2 items for revisions. With said revisions and upon motion duly made by Dr. Gertner and seconded by Ms. Kuplen, the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT OF SURVEY OF JOINT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS Dr. Gertner presented the results of the research performed by Amy Holtz and Michael Gaul. The conclusion was to establish a separate governmental agency with own Human Resource benefits.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Dr. Beckwith stated that this committee is working hard on new funding issues

STATUS REPORT ON HEALTH CODE & ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT Ms. Stegura reported that no additional work has been done since the last meeting.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTANT Mr. Barron reported that he has been working to support the Finance Committee and the Ordinance Work Group. New drafts of the related documents will be completed soon

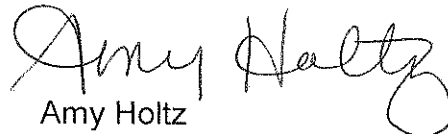
REVIEW OF JULY 19th HEALTH COMMISSION PRESENTATION AGENDA Mrs. Prokup presented a proposed agenda for consideration. Various suggestions were made regarding specific numbers for each staff position in the "Projected Services and Staffing" section. Dr. Beckwith stated he will be using composite numbers for the budget presentation. Mrs. Kuplen inquired about opportunities for public comment. Dr. Beckwith suggested that Dr. Lyon review meeting agenda with Mr. Dougherty. Dr. Gertner suggested we be very clear what we are asking the Health Commission for at this meeting. Further discussion ensued regarding the extension of the LVBOH budget and transferring dollars between line items.

OTHER BUSINESS Mrs. Prokup informed the Board that Mrs. Kistler has been ill and hospitalized but is recovering at home now. We wish her well.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT There was none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday, July 12th at the Lehigh County Government Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Holtz
Administrative Assistant