

CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

December 8, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Dan Schneckenburger, and George Patchell; Tari Moore, County Executive; Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press and members of the public.

Guest presenters: Cecil County Health Department staff - Judi Rodemich, WHNP, Director, Community Health Services Division; Dan Coulter, MPH, Health Planner/Accreditation Coordinator; Mary Ellen Rapposelli, RN, MSN, Director, Division of Health Promotion; and Fred vonStaden, Director, Division of Environmental Health Services.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – President Hodge called the meeting of the Board of Health to order at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer, introduced her staff that would be making presentations. Ms. Garrity also introduced Robin Waddell, RN, MSN, WHNP, Deputy Health Officer-Operations; and Gregg Bortz, Public Affairs Officer.

Ms. Garrity also announced that Sheriff Adams and she will be discussing the recommendations of the Lt. Governor's Task Force on Heroin and Opioids at the next Council work session on December 15.

Judi Rodemich, WHNP, Director, Community Health Services Division, reviewed the notifiable disease 2014 statistics, which indicated an increase in sexually transmitted diseases. Ms. Garrity explained that the State Health Department provides these statistics about six months after the end of the calendar year.

Dan Coulter, MPH, Health Planner/Accreditation Coordinator, reviewed the STD surveillance report for Cecil County for these sexually transmitted diseases, which showed the highest incidence of chlamydia and gonorrhea in ages 20-24 and then in ages 15-19. Questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Coulter also provided an update on the progress in seeking national accreditation for the Cecil County Health Department through the Public Accreditation Board.

Mr. Coulter also reviewed the Health Department's Strategic Plan, which established priorities and developed goals in the areas of Workforce Development, Quality Improvement, and Performance Management System.

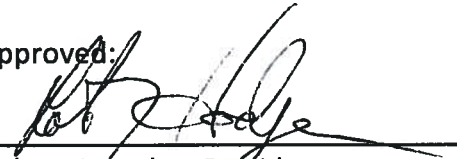
Mary Ellen Rapposelli, RN, MSN, Director, Division of Health Promotion, discussed the Tobacco Enforcement Initiative to support Synar compliance. Cecil County has a high rate of selling tobacco to minors. Ms. Rapposelli discussed the Health Department's program to address

tobacco sales to minors. The Health Department is training vendors to comply with the State laws against selling tobacco and alcohol to minors. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police and local municipal law enforcement conduct compliance checks with local businesses. She also discussed E-cigarettes, which are not to be sold to minors but no vendor list exists for compliance checks.

Fred vonStaden, Director, Division of Environmental Health Services, discussed the Health Department's administration of the Bay Restoration Fund, which awards grants that assist residents with upgrading septic systems. Grants are awarded by priorities including failing septic systems, nonconforming septic systems and elective and new construction to sites in and outside the Critical Area. Mr. vonStaden also provided statistics for the number of systems funded and unfunded.

Council President Hodge concluded the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager