

Hart County Board of Health
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2010
1:00 pm

Members present: Clyde McDowell, David Little, Jerry Bell, Dr. Anthony Lau, J. Paul Abernathy, Thelma Estrich, Dan Reyen.

District Staff: Dr. Westfall, Dr. Parsons, Cail Collins, Gregg Sheffield, Karen Palmer.

Health Department Staff: Rhonda Dyar, David Leard, Julie Suttles.

The regular meeting of the Hart County Board of Health was held on November 18, 2010 in the conference room of the Hart County DFCS office. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Chairman Clyde McDowell.

Approval of minutes for August 12, 2010:

Motion by J. Paul Abernathy

Second by Thelma Estrich

Motion carried

Old Business: none

New Business: Request for variance for tattoo/body art regulation. Matt Evans was present and asked for variance on section 2, subsection D. Mr. Evans is a paramedic and feels his medical training qualifies him for licensure. Mr. Evans stated his business would be involved in body piercing. Discussion of Board of Commissioners being the governing authority and that the Health Department should not grant the variance. But, the BOC would like the Health Department's recommendation. This issue is on the agenda for the Board of Commissioners meeting, which is scheduled for next Tuesday. Dr. Westfall stated that there needs to be legal clarification since the Health Department is the entity issuing the permit. David Little made the motion to make the recommendation to grant the variance. Second by Dan Reyen. Unanimously passed.

Nurses Report: Rhonda Dyar

Women's Health is down 10%. More sex education has been approved in schools; abstinence based and includes middle school. A teen health fair is being planned for spring. STD and PCM are about the same as last year. Child Health numbers are down (43% down from last year). A possible cause in the decline is due to the staff changes (losing staff, new staff) at DFCS. Rhonda plans to attend DFCS staff meetings. The Health Department has conducted off site flu clinics (schools, the city, and Tenneco). The Health Department has seen a decline due to people going other places to get flu shots (Wal Mart, Ingles, etc). Have given many doses of TDAP. Through ARRA funds, the Health Department is receiving reimbursement for several vaccines.

Environmental Report: David Leard
See attached handout for statistics.

Comments from Health Director and Financial Report:

Dr. Westfall introduced Orisa Durggin, a CDC apprentice. Dr. Westfall went over the financial narrative and discussed the handouts (see attached). Dr. Westfall presented handouts to the Board members concerning grants and the importance of public health.

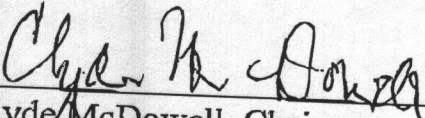
Comments:


Rhonda thanked Dan Reyen for backing the Health Department at the Board of Commissioners budget meeting. Although not in writing yet, Health Department is not receiving a budget cut.

Dr. Westfall thanked the staff of the Health Department for the work they do.

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairman McDowell asked for a motion to adjourn; David Little made the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm


Clyde McDowell, Chairman


Jerry Bell, Secretary