

Board of Health
Wednesday, September 8th, 2010
Penn Room

Members Attending: E. Kimball, J. Reber, J.Wong

Others Attending: T. Butler, M. Loaiza

Call to Order

Dr. Kimball called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Agenda and Minutes

Dr. Kimball called the Board's attention to the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the August 4th meeting.

Mr. Reber moved, seconded by Dr. Wong, to approve the September agenda and the August meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Kimball inquired if everyone had received the two (2) memos addressing the Board of Health member removal process and reappointment process and the change in legislation addressing the member removal process. Everyone in attendance confirmed the receipt of the documents.

Health Officer's Report

Due to Dr. Hassel's departure, a Health Officer's report was not given.

Dr. Kimball inquired if there is an update on the Health Officer position. Ms. Butler replied negatively. Dr. Kimball referenced an email received from Ms. Loaiza regarding a candidate for the position and inquired if anything has changed in their hiring. Ms. Loaiza confirmed that the information she received was from Sandy Hummel, the current Human Resource manager, and stated that to her knowledge, no information has changed to her knowledge.

Dr. Kimball updated Dr. Wong on the discussions related to the Health Officer's position at the previous meeting.

Dr. Kimball inquired if the flu vaccine has been ordered for City employees and when it would be administered. Ms. Butler and Ms. Loaiza were not aware of the status of the vaccines and stated that it would be looked into with the Codes office and the information would be forwarded.

Mr. Natale arrived at this time.

Dr. Kimball questioned Mr. Natale about the status of the flu vaccine. Mr. Natale stated that he was unaware of the status but would follow up with Mark Schrum of the Codes Dept, as he was the clerk assigned to work with the Health Officer.

Dr. Wong volunteered to administer the vaccine for a few hours if the supply was ordered. Dr. Kimball added that she would also be willing to volunteer. Ms. Butler inquired about their availability. Dr. Wong replied that he would be available on Tuesday and Friday. Dr. Kimball added that her practice runs during daytime hours and would find it difficult to administer during the day.

At this time Dr. Wong and Dr. Kimball explained the flu vaccine procedure and history of the vaccine.

Mr. Natale stated that he will inquire on the status of the vaccine order tomorrow.

Dr. Wong inquired how many employees are usually vaccinated. Mr. Natale stated that he did not have an exact number but a ballpark figure would be roughly 250. Dr. Kimball inquired if there are many employees under the age of 49. Mr. Natale confirmed. Dr. Kimball added that those under the age of 49 have the option of a mist. She suggested the mist, although it is a little more expensive. Mr. Natale stated that the City would need to stick to the most cost effective option at this time.

Mr. Natale inquired if the flu vaccine has not been ordered, would it still be able to be ordered. Dr. Kimball was not sure if they would still be available at this time.

Mr. Natale also suggested that EMTs can also be asked to administer the shots if needed. Dr. Kimball concurred. Dr. Wong added that the vaccines should be administered by November.

Mr. Natale went on to explain the previous practice in place during Dr. Hassel's time as Health Officer.

Dr. Kimball asked Mr. Natale if there is an update on the Health Officer. Mr. Natale replied that there is no update at this time. He added that he believes that the candidate has an insurance issue that is being looked into. Ms. Butler added that she believes that their liability insurance status is being confirmed. Dr. Kimball inquired who is looking into this matter. Ms. Butler replied that the Human Resource manager, Sandy Hummel, is.

Bernhart's Park

There is no update at this time.

New Business

Meeting Schedule

Dr. Kimball announced that she will be in Europe during the next scheduled meeting and inquired if the Board would like to meet in October or postpone the meeting until the November scheduled meeting.

The Board agreed to postpone the meeting until November.

West Nile Virus

Mr. Reber stated that he contacted Mr. Bob Hopkin with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in regards to the reported cases of West Nile Virus at Bernhart's Park. Mr. Hopkins informed Mr. Reber that they have not had any reported cases but will go out and conduct testing soon. Mr. Reber stated that he will request the results from Mr. Hopkins and present them to the Board.

Mr. Reber also thanked Mr. Natale for his assistance in a Codes matter.

Old Business

Tattoo Regulations

Dr. Kimball shared that she was able to speak to a lobbyist for the State Bill regarding tattoo legislation. She stated that he informed her that the State bill will not pass this year and will have to be reintroduced. She added that the lobbyist was against issuing licenses as this would allow

licensees to charge insurance carriers fees. She stated the lobbyist suggested that the Board push for permits rather than licenses and focus on hygiene and cleanliness.

Ms. Butler stated that she believed that Board agreed on pursuing permits rather than licenses at the previous meeting.

The Board then reviewed and amended the draft. The Board agreed to continue reviewing and amending the remaining sections at the November Board of Health Meeting. *(Note: A copy of draft with corrections/changes will be available in the City Council office upon request)*

Mr. Natale requested that before the Board introduces the final version of this legislation to Council that it be reviewed by the Property Maintenance Supervisor.

Dr. Kimball announced the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 6pm.

Mr. Reber moved, seconded by Dr. Wong, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Maritza Loaiza, Admin Assist to City Clerk