

The April 13, 2011 Board of Health meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. An organizational vote was taken immediately, Dr. David B. Alper as Chair, Dr. Robert M. Eisendrath as Vice Chair, Donna David as Member, and Ellen O'Doherty as Clerk. The vote was unanimous.

The March 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

There was no public participation.

The Disease Report was discussed

The Receipts Report and Budget update were reviewed with a discussion about vehicle expenses.

Staff Reports were discussed, Director's, Asst. Director's, Veteran's, Animal Control Officer. Dr. Eisendrath would like an explanation of "home visit" by the A.C.O. and would like him to attend a Board meeting in the near future. The Youth and Family Services Report should be written as follows, in the future, executive summary in the beginning, a concise/consolidated list of routine activities and then a clinical narrative.

Complaints were reviewed.

The Health Director discussed future public health initiatives revolving around health education. He would like to pursue having an intern begin the process to determine the feasibility of conducting a community health assessment and possibly partnering with other departments, such as the Council on Aging, to conduct community education programs on such topics as obesity, hypertension, healthy behavior, etc. Another incentive would be to begin the enforcement/operation of the Community Hazardous materials program. This would also require additional resources and an intern would be the ideal person to begin the framework of the program. After discussion, the Board concurred that the Director could begin the process described above and noted that this would not be a process that would be complete in the immediate future. Dr. Eisendrath was not convinced of the validity of conducting the survey/assessment. The Board stated that the Director, Assistant Director and Adm. Asst. should come up with a concrete proposal over the next few months including health education and partnering opportunities. The Board would like health initiatives included on the agenda in the future.

Donna David would like information about the R & D activities at McLean Hospital. The next Board meetings are scheduled for May 12, 2011 and June 6, 2011 at 5:15 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair

