

**CABELL-HUNTINGTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
*Board of Health Regular Meeting –November 18, 2015*

**Board Members Present:**

J. Larry Crawford  
Thomas Gilpin  
Omayma T. Touma, MD  
Kevin Yingling, MD

**Board Members Absent:**

Harriette Cyrus  
Donna Rumbaugh

**Staff Members Present:**

Michael Kilkenny, MD, MS, Physician Director  
Tim Hazelett, Administrator  
Jack Mease, Accountant  
Elizabeth Adkins, Health & Wellness, PIO  
Casey Napier, Accreditation Coordinator/Grant Writer  
Rodney Melton, Sanitarian Supervisor  
Karen Hall-Dundas, Sanitarian Supervisor  
Kathleen Napier, Nursing Director  
Stanley Mills, Environmental Health Director  
Laura Johnson  
Deb Koester

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Yingling made a motion to approve the October Board of Health Meeting Minutes, Dr. Touma seconded, and the motion was approved.

**Environmental Health/Threat Preparedness:**

Stan presented the Environmental Health/Threat Preparedness report. All reports are up to date and in a few days the TP billing will be up to date. Mr. Gilpin asked if we are seeing a reduction in the number of Hepatitis B and C cases or if there is a timeline on when we will see a difference. Kathleen said the numbers in the Environmental report are numbers reported from outside facilities. Dr. Kilkenny said there are issues in the Hepatitis B and C reporting. We are collecting data on Hepatitis B and C in our Syringe Exchange Program. We expect to see an increase in those numbers as we test for Hepatitis B and C. The Hepatitis C numbers you see in the Environmental report are acute cases. The numbers we will get out of the Syringe Exchange Program will be predominately chronic cases. We expect it will be at least one or two years before we can say what the effect of Hepatitis C is on the population. Dr. Touma asked about testing the Syringe Exchange Program clients. Dr. Kilkenny said the clients are not open to needle sticks. Kathleen said they are really difficult to draw blood from. Kathleen will be asking the state about any grant funding available for rapid Hepatitis C testing that does not require a needle stick. Dr. Kilkenny said we are getting preliminary data shows we have an opportunity to test a lot of people who don't know their status.

### **Nursing:**

Kathleen presented the Nursing report. Dr. Yingling asked in reference to the syphilis outbreaks and testing if we follow any of the patients, particularly women in childbearing age, and are we able to intervene if pregnancy should occur. Kathleen said most of our high risk clients are being followed by an OBGYN. At this time we do not follow up with pregnant women. Dr. Yingling recommended us to think about trying to make sure individuals infected are properly treated and understand there is issue in pregnancy, vertical transmission, increase risk of abortion, misconceptions, and congenital syphilis. Dr. Yingling asked in the regard of warts treatment if we provide the HPV vaccine. Kathleen said we do. Cabell County has one of the higher rates of HPV vaccination, but we could do better. Dr. Yingling asked if in identifying the patients coming in for treatment do we consider all of their partners, who at risk, for vaccination. Dr. Yingling said the total number of clinic visits has risen and the yearly total number will be about 8,000-9,000 more than last year. Is there enough support, planning, understanding, or is more resources needed? Kathleen said we are working on hiring more staff. Dr. Kilkenny said we need more staffing and more resources. Mr. Gilpin asked if the Harm Reduction numbers are new people, individuals, or repeat clients. Kathleen said the number reflects the total of (different) individuals and how many exchanges total we have completed. We are seeing about a 50% new patient rate every week. Today, we saw 101 clients, 55 return patients and 46 new patients. In the month of October we made 302 exchanges with 160 clients. Clients can come in weekly. They are counted once in the total number of clients, while the exchanges are added each visit. After today, we have had a total of 675 exchanges with 400 individuals. We started at 9:30am and finished at 4:15pm. Dr. Kilkenny said the national statistics say there are 1% IV drug users in nation. For Huntington that would mean about 490 users. If that was the case then we have already seen 70% in a 3 months' time. There are lots more than we anticipated. This is a huge problem. Overdose death is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in Huntington. We are working in the right area.

### **Epidemiology:**

Debbie presented the Regional Epidemiology report. Dr. Yingling asked about the mass chicken death. Debbie said a concern was called in from Logan County reporting a whole chicken flock died. The concern was the avian influenza. A home visit uncovered that only 4 or 5 chickens perished, not the whole flock.

### **Health & Wellness Director/Public Information Officer (PIO):**

Elizabeth presented the Health and Wellness report. Dr. Touma asked the status of the DASH grant. Tim said we have not heard anything. We met with the director at the American Public Association. Elizabeth said to highlight today, we had a very busy day with the media. The TV show VICE, currently airing on HBO, is filming their 4<sup>th</sup> season that will air in 2016 and is on Opiod Addiction. They are looking at featuring Hunting. We are not guaranteed to be on the show, but there is a big chance we will be. They interviewed Chris Edwards, who shared her experience as a public health nurse providing our Harm Reduction services, and a few users. They have been in town working with other agencies like the Mayor's Office of Drug Control Policy and the Fire Department. They were able to witness an overdose and the administration of narcan. We had a newspaper reporter from Switzerland, who is working with the Mayor's Office of Drug Control Policy, stop by to shadow us and was able to speak to some IV drug user. Holly Moore, a former resident of Huntington, who is writing a book on Huntington's drug epidemic stopped in to observe our Harm Reduction Program. Mr. Gilpin asked if Switzerland is seeing similar problems. Dr. Kilkenny said they are having a small heroin problem. Apparently, for medication assisted treatment they prescribe medicinal heroin injections. Dr. Yingling asked if the clients are asking about naloxone. Kathleen said they are asking if it is available, if we have it. We can train them to use it, but we do not have naloxone available. Dr. Kilkenny said Dr. Babcock engages everyone. We had a reasonably well attended naloxone education session today.

**Regional Tobacco Prevention Coordinator Report:**

**PACT/Accreditation Report:**

Rodney presented the PACT/Accreditation report. Dr. Yingling said this a huge amount of work, effort, collaboration, and accomplishment that will translate into improved public health in the community.

**Financial Report:**

Jack presented the financial reports for October.

**Approval of Expenditures/Financial Report:**

A motion to approve the cash expenditures was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Yingling, and passed.

**Administration:**

Tim presented the administration report. Mr. Gilpin said he spoke to Jim Withers with Enterprise and was told if the trip is more than 100 miles it makes sense to rent a car. Tim said he is developing our travel expense policy right now and should have it complete by the first of the month.

There was no executive session.

Dr. Touma made a motion to approve and authorize the Cabell-Huntington Health Department Administration to seek approval of the renewal of the levy with the County Commission in December. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

**By-Laws**

Mr. Gilpin said there has been a change that has to do with the notification we give of our meetings. The change that is proposed is that notice of meetings shall be given to the public in writing by news media, the Secretary of State's website, and posting on the front door. The existing By-Laws has the State Register listed, which is no longer a means of announcement to the public. Dr. Touma made a motion to amend Section IV part A of the By-Laws to include news media, Secretary of State's website, and positing on the Cabell-Huntington Health Department's front door. Mr. Crawford seconded and the motion was passed.

Stan thanked the Board of Health for allowing and trusting him to lead a phenomenal group of sanitarians. Mr. Gilpin thanked Stan for all his years of service on the behalf of the Board.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Crawford motioned to adjourn, and passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Kilkeny, MD, MS  
Physician Director, Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Approved:



Thomas H. Gilpin, Chairman  
Cabell-Huntington Board of Health