

Health Committee Meeting Minutes 3/6/2008

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Robert Regan at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Robert Regan, Mike Wolkomir (on Conference Call), Tom Mueller, Philip Mrozinski, John Jenkins, and Linda Pittz.

Others Present: June Meudt, Barb Linscheid and Paula Dail.

Motion for certification of open meeting by Phil/Tom. Carried.

Motion to approve February minutes and March agenda by Tom/John. Carried.

A discussion on the Smoking Ordinance on all county property took place. Some of the comments included:

Bob: supports most of the policy but not Bloomfield Manor area

Phil: If we give one exception, others will ask for one too

Tom: We need to set an example and say "No Smoking" for the good of the community

Barb Linscheid provided insight on the issues at Bloomfield Manor. She said it will be ok to grandfather in those who smoke. They currently have six people who smoke. Some MD's said they will refer residents to another facility that allows smoking. If someone does smoke who is a new resident and goes against the law, they can be asked to leave. This could affect budget at Bloomfield, i.e. increased staff to watch people outside or for more staff when others leave for a smoking break. Does have concerns with current indoor smoking area for safety.

John: Should we extend the start time to next year? No action taken.

Mike: May need to suggest management of "Nicotine Withdrawal" in clients. Also, are we increasing our liability by allowing smokers and exposing non-smokers to second-hand smoke?

Staffing Issues:

We cannot restrict what they do on unpaid staff time. Solutions are:

- Pay them for a straight 8 hours
- Make adjustments for increased staff
- Give them a beeper

Barb is working with others to resolve this.

Mike: Smokeless Tobacco part is a concern as this does not really relate to clean air. However, the board decided to leave it in.

Phil: The Airport meeting on Monday will be looking at this ordinance again. Corporate Counsel did say the county has control of its property and can issue no-smoking policies.

The board did not change the ordinance but asked to put it on the next County Board meeting on March 18th.

Kim Horst was introduced as the new Health Educator working on Public Health Preparedness & Response.

Agent Status issues are being worked on with the other counties and the state.

Next meeting will be decided after the new board is approved.

June thanked Robert (Bob) Regan and John (Jack) Jinkins for their time and support as members of the Health Committee.

Motion to adjourn by Tom/Linda.

Recorder: J. Meudt

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