

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Fulton County Board of Health was held Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at 700 East Oak Street, Canton.

Members present were John Clark, Dr. Gilmore, Dr. Reter, Netia Viano, Richard Lafary, Myrlene Swinger, and Dr. Gowda.

Staff attending were Mary England, Rex Still, Damon Roberson, Judy Simmons-Juraco and Jo Campbell.

President Swinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. She asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes and if there were any corrections or additions to those. A motion was made by Viano to approve as circulated with Clark seconding the motion. All ayes, motion approved.

Damon Roberson gave the financial report for the month of August. There were no questions, report placed on file.

Division Reports- Judy reported this agency has received 500 doses of flu vaccine and will possibly receive another 300 doses. We are planning clinics to be held in Canton, Cuba, Astoria, Lewistown, and Farmington. We will be following CDC guideline for what they call tiering. The following recommendations will be used. Persons ages >65 with co morbid conditions, long term care residents, persons aged 2 – 64 with co morbid conditions, persons aged >65 without co morbid conditions, children aged 6 – 23 months, pregnant women, health care personnel who provide direct patient care, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children aged <6 months.

Judy also reported that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This agency has various activities using the county media to get the message out. Mary Louise Bishop is the facilitator for our breast cancer support group.

Judy reported there has been a dramatic increase in the number of persons who have been tested for West Nile Virus. No positive cases have been reported in Fulton County.

WIC/Family Case Management staff was involved with clinic appointments and referrals for two families of hurricane victims.

Judy also reported that we have received notification of increased cases of syphilis in Peoria, Tazewell and Knox Counties. Area medical providers have been notified.

Kathy Tolley, BSN one of our MCH nurses has been chosen to attend the Maternal Child Health Leadership Institute later this month in Bloomington. The course offers an introduction to leadership, population based health programming, the core functions of public health and an emphasis on community collaboration to implement projects that will advance the MCH priorities.

Rex reported changes on the LEPC committee. Chris Helle will be replacing Gene Burchett. There is a new training system from the Illinois Task Force Office. This training will help agencies use the same terminology. Canton Fireman, Tom Shubert will provide training for NIMS in October. This will be open to various agencies as well as health department employees.

Rex also reported there will be a haz-mat collection on September 24, 2005.

Administrator's report- Mary reported the recent rental of office space. We have another potential renter later this year.

Mary also reported the recent purchase of a computer back up system. Funds from the personal property replacement tax will cover this expense.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

R. U. Gowda, Secretary