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BOARD OF HEALTH

October 22, 1987

Present: Legislator Kramer, Doris Halstead, John Nystrom, DDS, S.W. Emmett, MD, Warren Pomeroy, Daniel Tartaglia, MD

Also Present: David Dorrance, Linda Ross Aronson, Christine Johnson, William Coch, MD, Legislator Frair, Legislator Loucks, Legislator Shine, Legislator Wentworth

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kramer at 7:40.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 24th meeting were reviewed and found to have an error in referring to a case report for the Physically Handicapped Program in which the minutes stated that the patient was in possession of a motorized wheelchair and she is not. She has a regular wheelchair. A motion was made by Doris Halstead to accept the minutes with the above change and seconded by Dr. Nystrom. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Giardia Concerns - Mr. Dorrance reported on the outbreak of Giardia in Andover. He stated that Al Vossler and Jerry Babchak have completed a very thorough survey of the water supply while the boil water notice was in effect. They found some potential problems and the village is already in the process of correcting these. After all information was reviewed it was decided that the Giardia was not coming from the water supply and the boil water notice was lifted. In the meantime, there have been a couple more positive cases reported. Mr. Dorrance discussed this with Greg Balzano, Epidemiologist with the State Health Department, and Mr. Balzano will be coming to Allegany County to review this problem.

Discussion concerning Public Health Nuisance Case (Wilcox) - Mr. Dorrance reported all activities regarding this problem which were the operation of a kennel which was not being maintained and creating a harborage for rats and a nuisance to neighbors. It was stated that Mr. Wilcox was contacted and informed that if he did not comply that there would be legal action taken against him. He did not comply but vacated the premises and moved to a rural location. It was stated that the animals are being well-cared for. It was the consensus of the members present that since the problems no longer exist that legal action not be continued. A motion was made to this effect by Dr. Nystrom and seconded by Dr. Tartaglia. Motion carried.

Environmental Health Legal Action - Thomas Lanager - We have received the hearing officer's report on this case. Mr. Lanager was found to be in violation of Article 2, Section 2 of the Allegany County Sanitary Code. No recommendation was made as to penalties to be imposed. A motion was made by Doris Halstead that we suspend a fine and give Mr. Lanager until the completion of the next construction season to rectify this violation. Second was made by Dr. Nystrom. Motion carried.

Gorsuch's Tavern - We have received the hearing officer's report on this case. It was recommended by the hearing officer that no penalty be imposed upon condition the owner provides adequate assurance that such violations will not reoccur. Dr. Tartaglia made a motion to accept the hearing officer's report. Doris Halstead seconded and motion carried. Mr. Dorrance stated that Ms. Gorsuch is planning to

operate a full food service establishment and is in the process of applying for the permit and making the necessary renovations.

Fillmore Hotel - Mr. Dorrance reported that the second inspection made to this establishment was excellent and another will be made in February.

Belvedere Restaurant - Mr. Dorrance reported that the last inspection made here was without violations.

Four Lakes Campground - No activity

Discussion of Municipal Health Services Plan - Mr. Dorrance stated that the Health Services Plan has been submitted to the State Health Department. Mr. Dorrance explained the rationale that brought about this requirement is related to the new Article 6 Legislation for State Aid. The State agreed to put more money into Public Health, but wants some committments in return. The committment is for all counties to submit a 2 year plan. At this point the State Health Department will review the plan and let us know by November 1st if any part or parts need to be changed. Our department will have approximately 1 month to make any changes and resubmit to the State for their comments. The State will then get back to us by December 15 with their findings. At that time we will have the right to appeal any findings that our Department does not agree with. Mr. Dorrance is confident that most of the Health Care Plan will be acceptable since he and Chris Johnson have been consulting with the State throughout the time that the Plan was being formulated. There was a general discussion regarding the Plan and the 5 core areas that are the Plan. These being, Community Health Assessment; Family Health, Disease Control; Health Education; Environmental Health. One of the biggest changes involving the Health Department is the fees for the environmental health fees. The fees we are now charging are mandated and have always been charged. To comply with the State in the Health Services Plan we have to submit an established fee schedule and charge the fees. The fee schedule that was submitted was reviewed by the Board of Health and Health Services Committee. There was a general discussion. The remaining of the 5 core areas were discussed as to what changes would be made in the department as a result of this plan (i.e. staffing). Dr. Tartaglia made the motion that the Board of Health approve the fee schedule as submitted and the Municipal Health Services Plan as submitted. Second by Dr. Emmett. Motion passed unanimously. Representing the Health Services Committee, Legislator Wentworth made the motion to accept the fee schedule and Municipal Health Services Plan as submitted. Legislator Kramer seconded and motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by member of Rushford Lake Commission - The representative from the Rushford Lake Commission was unable to attend the meeting this evening. He wishes to be placed on the agenda sometime after the first of next year to discuss some problem areas occuring there.

Environmental Health New Legal Action - Mr. Dorrance gave a brief overview of this problem. Basically, the owner of this particular property has installed some sort of sewage system without a permit and is not allowing our department to inspect his system. There was a general discussion concerning the activity on this case up to this point. A motion was made by Doris Halstead to make sure that someone is still living there and if so proceed with any action necessary. Seconded by Dr. Nystrom. Motion carried.

Mrs.Johnson presented this evening with new and revised Board of Health By-Laws. A motion was made by Dr. Tartaglia to table this issue until next meeting so the Board of Health members could review the By-Laws. Seconded by Doris Halstead and motion carried.

Long Term Home Health Care Program - Mr. Dorrance distributed statistical information regarding the LTHHCP. After reviewing this information, Mr. Dorrance pointed out that so far the total savings in the Long Term program for 1987 has been $72,000.00. It was stated that we are at capacity of beds with this program, running between 54-55 patients. Because of this Mrs. Johnson has submitted an application requesting that our capacity be increased from 50 beds to 100. Mr. Dorrance feels that it will take at least 6 months for this application to be processed for approval. A motion was made by Doris Halstead for the Board of Health to support our endeavor to increase the bed capacity of the LTHHCP due to the obvious overwhelming need. Seconded by Warren Pomeroy. Motion carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of $80,130.05 were audited and approved for payment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross Aronson