

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL**

**CITY OF AMARILLO**

On the 8th day of January, 2013 the Amarillo Bi-City-County Public Health district Board met for a quarterly board meeting in the City of Amarillo, Department of Public Health conference room located at 1000 Martin Rd., Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Kenneth Crossland, DDS Chair, City of Canyon	Y	191	167
J. Taylor Carlisle, MD Potter County	N	87	28
Delores Thompson Potter County	Y	15	11
Judy Smith Randall County	N	65	51
Lanita Tidmore Randall County	Y	26	25
Belinda Gonzales Taylor City of Amarillo	N	29	20
Kevin Hawkins, Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Y	41	38

**Administrative Officers Present:**

Dr. Matt Richardson	Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Dr. Roger Smalligan	Health Authority, Public Health, City of Amarillo
David Chamberlain	Nutritionist III, WIC, City of Amarillo
Deree Duke	Director, Environmental Health, City of Amarillo
Shannon Barlow	Asst. Director, Animal Control, City of Amarillo

**Others Present:**

Lisa Lee	Recording Secretary, Public Health, City of Amarillo
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**Guests Present:**

There were no guests present.

**Item 1: Call to Order and Welcome**

Chairman Dr. Crossland opened the meeting at 7:07pm, established a quorum, and conducted the consideration of the following items in the order presented.

**Item 2: Introduction of Guest/New Members**

Dr. Crossland - Introduction of Members and Guests.

**Item 3: Approval of the October 23, 2012 minutes**

Dr. Crossland made a motion to approve the October 23, 2012 minutes. There were no objections and the minutes were approved as written.

**Item 4: Health Authority Report on Influenza Activity for 2012-2013**

Dr. Smalligan states that he appreciates the report he receives every week from Dr. Matt Richardson. The report monitors all the reports that he receives from the providers in the community that go to the hospital with Influenza Like Illness (ILI).

Dr. Matt Richardson states, this is voluntary reporting. Some providers may not report all of the time. This report is used for data trending. The numbers are indicating that we are at the peak of the flu season.

Dr. Smalligan continues to encourage everyone to get the flu shot. It is not too late. If you have not received your shot, you are at a very high risk. The injection has three matches this year, 2 A's and 1 B. 70% of the flu that is circulating is included in the vaccine. It is 82-85% effective. There is still a possibility that 15% may still get the flu.

**Item 5: Administrative Reports**

**Animal Control**

Shannon Barlow reported there were no Rabies cases in the past three months. Animal adoptions are up. There have been 150 in the last three months out of other agencies which include, SPCA, Texas Panhandle Pet Savers, Animal Rescue Group, Dogs of Dalhart, and Adoption Option. The number of calls for service was about 2500-2600 a month. There were no questions.

**Environmental Health**

Deree Duke indicated that there was nothing significant or out of the ordinary to report. There were no questions.

**Public Health**

Dr. Matt Richardson reported there is nothing new to report on the 1115 Waiver. Dr. Richardson will report any changes during the next BOH meeting. Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has a new commissioner. The new commissioner is Kyle Janick, a former Texas Legislator and Houston Physician. He is new to the job and this part of the reason for the delay.

We will be starting our community health assessment. This is a phone survey that is done every three years. We are engaging in a contractor to assist us with the community health

improvement plan. This is a part of the Medicaid Waiver plan. This service will not cost anything. The fees will be paid by the Health Provider. We will be saving money with some of these innovative dollars.

Dr. Matt Richardson reported we are seeing fewer Refugees. This is a slow time of year for them. Catholic Family Services are limiting the ones they are taking.

There is a waiver that students can fill out for the Meningitis shot. In 2011 there were 21,490 shots given. In 2012 there were 18,190 shots given.

HIV/STD for the first time was cut by \$5,000. We submitted a grant application and failed. We scored a 24 out of 100. We had the third highest score. Austin was the only one who will continue to receive the grant. Due to the embarrassment of this, they have now restored the money. We received a 1.2% cut.

TB funding formula will change. This formula has been in place for 10 years. Bioterrorism group just had a technical review and we scored the highest of any local health department in Texas with a 92. There were no questions.

#### **WIC**

David Chamberlain stated WIC is still seeing a drop in numbers. Mr. Chamberlain discussed all the categories they serve. According to the report, Breastfeeding pregnant postpartum women and then the infants are broken down in groups that include breastfeeding and formula fed. David said he and Margaret are currently trying to work on tracking the risk factors for obesity when someone is on the program for that reason. There were no comments.

#### **Item 6: Public Forum**

There were no comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or services of the Amarillo Bi-City-County Health District.

#### **Item 7: Discuss Items for Future Agendas**

Matt Richardson will be checking on elections of Board Members and the length of the term.

#### **Item 8 Adjournment**

Dr. Crossland set the next meeting for April 9, 2013 at 7p.m. at the Public Health Department Conference Room.

Dr. Crossland adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair

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Lisa Lee, Recording Secretary