The Lake Cumberland District Board of Health met on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at the Russell County Health Department in Russell County, KY.

The meeting was called to order by Hossein Fallahzadeh.

Those present were:

Glenda Bagby, APRN – BC
Adlie F. Brown, DMD
Darin Cundiff
Lora Elam, RN
Hossein Fallahzadeh, MD
Patty Guinn
Matt Jackson
L. Bruce Jasper, DVM
Richard Miles, MD
John Phelps, Jr., Cumberland County Judge Executive
Gary Robertson, Russell County Judge Executive
Eddie Rogers, Taylor County Judge Executive
Keith Sinclair, MD
Jake Staton
Susanne Watkins, OD
James Wesley

Misty Edwards, Green County Judge Executive authorized Hossein Fallahzadeh to be her proxy.
Lyle Huff, Clinton County Judge Executive authorized Gary Robertson, Russell County Judge Executive to be his proxy.
Ann Melton, Adair County Judge Executive authorized Hossein Fallahzadeh to be her proxy.
Greg Rankin, Wayne County Judge Executive authorized Hossein Fallahzadeh to be his proxy.
Ronald Wright, Casey County Judge Executive authorized Hossein Fallahzadeh to be his proxy.

Shawn Crabtree confirmed we did have a total of 21 board members/proxies present and was a quorum.

The members absent from the meeting were:

Ronnie Grant
Marlene Richardson, DMD
Thomas Rogers, MD
Joseph Skipworth, MD
WELCOME

Shawn Crabtree welcomed all board members, staff, and guests and informed the board that Dr. Hossein Fallahzadeh would preside over tonight’s meeting.

Shawn Crabtree asked Honorable Eddie Rogers to give the invocation. New board members were asked to introduce themselves. As confirmed earlier, a quorum was present. Dr. Fallahzadeh called meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Copies from the previous meeting were sent to each board member for their review prior to tonight's meeting. It was noticed that the minutes from last meeting should be amended to reflect that all policies were reviewed by the board members. Judge Rogers made a motion to amend the minutes and James Wesley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Fallahzadeh informed the board that there was no old business and asked if anyone had any new business to discuss. No new business was discussed.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Shawn informed the Board that the Department for Public Health is recommending that health departments do primary care using APRNs. Shawn informed the board that he doesn't support this from a financial perspective as he could see no way to break-even on it and asked the board for their thoughts. Dr. Sinclair stated that it will cost more than doing it for free. Dr. Miles agreed stating that primary care is very expensive. Dr. Miles suggested looking into Patient Centered Medical Homes and Dr. Sinclair offered that forming an alliance with rural health centers to provide medical supervision may be a viable option for increasing revenues.

ACCREDITATION

Shawn updated the Board briefly on our steps to achieve PHAB Accreditation and asked again if the Board supports our efforts. The Board responded in support.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Concerning the present financial condition, Mr. Crabtree, reported LCDHD ended the month of May with a 198,004 deficit. However, we're still expecting the second half of the taxing districts' funds, plus some school contract revenue and are on track to close out the year with approximately a $500,000 surplus.

Mr. Crabtree then presented and the Board approved the 2014-2015 Annual Plan and Budget utilizing 1.354 million of reserves in order to continue all programs and staffing levels. He clarified the departments with the largest deficits are school and clinical.

He also suggested researching a new school health model where the schools would hire the school nurses and the health departments would maintain clinical oversight and administration allowing continued Medicaid billing. Under this model, the schools would receive the Medicaid revenues minus the Medicaid match and the administrative costs incurred by the health department. Mr. Crabtree agreed to research this option further and report back to the Board in September.

He also suggested, as a starting measure for balancing the clinical division, eliminating positions through attrition and moving staff from under-funded to funded positions when possible.
Jim Wesley made the motion to accept Mr. Crabtree’s suggestions. Gary Robertson, Russell County Judge Executive seconded the motion. Motion approved.

LOCAL PULBIC HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

Shawn informed the board that Local Public Health System Assessment is part of accreditation and to expect a letter in late fall regarding this.

POLICIES UPDATE

Janae presented a policy on polices. She informed the board the change to how often the board reviews all the policies has been changed to every five years. Lora Elam made a motion that the policy revision be approved. Dr. Miles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Pam Godby notified the board that LCDHD had five staff members go off duty and 2 hired. We lost 4 school nurses this quarter. Three moved to other health department positions and 1 resigned. As we continue to fill vacancies utilizing a temporary agency we now have a total of 9 Temp school nurses working.

DISCUSSION

No further discussion

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is September 2, 2014 at 7 p.m. EST at Jamestown Health Department

Dr. Fallahzadeh asked if anything else needed to be discussed before adjourning the meeting. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman Judge Misty Edwards

Shawn Crabtree, Secretary

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