

Meeting of
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
April 30, 1975

AGENDA

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
ANNUAL REPORT
BUDGET - PRELIMINARY 1976 BUDGET
COST OF SELLERSBURG WATER PROBLEM
EQUIPMENT THROUGH REVENUE SHARING
MOSQUITO CONTROL
GRANTS - WELL-BABY & FAMILY PLANNING
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
SICKLE-CELL SCREENING
NEW EMPLOYEES - MANPOWER
JOB DESCRIPTIONS - TABLED FROM LAST MEETING
SANITATION
SELLERSBURG WATER
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting of
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
April 30, 1975

A business meeting of the Clark County Board of Health was held at the Wheel Cafe in Sellersburg at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 30, 1975.

The following were present: All members of the Clark County Board of Health, all employees of the Clark County Health Department, Dr. Robert D. Telle, Epidemiologist, Indiana State Board of Health; Claude Brazzo, Public Health Investigator, Indiana State Board of Health; Ed Lippy, Water Supply Research Lab, EPA, Cincinnati, Ohio; and from the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Georgia were: Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Epidemiologist; Jeff Blumenthal, Epidemiologist, and Robert Pollard, Statistician.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. The Annual Report for 1974 was presented. Discussion of the job descriptions was tabled until a later meeting.

Preparation of the preliminary 1976 budget was discussed and it was decided that the Health Officer would prepare a proposed budget and the Board would review it at a called meeting sometime in June. Dr. McKechnie explained to the Board that the Sellersburg water situation had resulted in additional expenditures to the department but felt that no additional appropriation would be necessary since funds could be transferred from unused appropriations. The Board was told of the possibility of the department obtaining some needed furniture and office equipment through Revenue Sharing without an expenditure of county tax money.

Dr. McKechnie spoke concerning proposed changes planned in the operation of the Well Baby and Family Planning Clinics. More federal funds are becoming available for health services so plans are for expanding the clinics to operating five days a week rather just one day for each clinic as it is. A brief explanation of the Immunization and Sickle Cell Programs was given.

Dr. McKechnie explained the addition of five new temporary employees through the Federal Emergency Employment Program. One employee will work as a sanitarian working with water companies and swimming pools and the other four will be working on a survey of the county to determine what health programs are wanted or needed.

Mr. Labhart reported briefly on work going on in connection with various problems in the county; such as problems with the landfill, stream pollution, various sanitation problems.

The meeting was then turned over to the people from Communicable Disease Center and Environmental Protection Agency who reported in detail on the investigation into the Sellersburg water problem. A copy of their complete reporting is on file in the office of the Health Department.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. McKechnie, MD

Robert K. McKechnie, MD, Director

Meeting of
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

June 30, 1975

A called meeting of the Clark County Board of Health was held at the Health Department on Monday, June 30, 1975 at 7:30 PM.

Present were: Dr. Robert K. McKechnie, Dr. L. D. Bower, Dr. Emmett Speith, Mr. Herman Miller, Mr. William Brummett, and Mr. Art Schneider. Employees present were: Norman Labhart and Doris Simmons.

The meeting was called for a review of the proposed budget for 1976, a copy of which is attached.

Dr. McKechnie and Norman Labhart gave detailed explanations for each budget request, citing increased cost of all materials needed and increased services expected by the residents of Clark County as the reason for the large increase in the proposed budget.

After considerable questioning and discussion it was agreed by all that the proposed budget would need to be strongly defended to the Council when it comes up for review. Dr. McKechnie moved that the proposed budget be accepted, Herman Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. McKechnie, MD

Robert K. McKechnie, MD, Director

Meeting of
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
September 30, 1975

A business meeting of the Clark County Board of Health was held at the Health Department on September 30, 1975 at 7:30 PM.

The following were present: Dr. F. S. Horlander, Dr. L. D. Bower, Dr. E. W. Spieth, Mr. William Brummett, Mr. Herman Miller, Mr. Arthur Schneiter and Dr. Robert McKechnie. Dr. Robert Robertson was absent. Department employees present were: Arthur Reichle, Norman Labhart and Doris Simmons.

First order of business was a tour of the house into which the hospital board wishes to move the Health Department offices.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Board members William Brummett and Herman Miller agreed to accept reappointment to the Board for a four year term. Present officers, Arthur Schneiter, president and Dr. L. D. Bower, vice-president, were unanimously re-elected for a two year term.

Mr. Reichle spoke to the Board giving background information concerning the condition at Stoner's Grocery at New Washington. After considerable discussion the Board agreed that Mr. Stoner should be given a deadline date to comply with Health Department orders and if not complied with the store should be closed until the Health Department feels it meets the orders.

The Board was informed of the Council cuts in the proposed 1976 budget. They were also informed of the lawsuit which the Health Department has been named a third party. Mr. Labhart informed the Board that investigation bore out that the Health Department was not negligent. Mr. Labhart reported on the problems with certain trailer parks that the State is wanting to close. He explained that in the case of Bargain Ranch Trailer Park the Attorney-General had filed his papers improperly. Dr. McKechnie reported that the owner of Bargain Ranch had agreed to phase it out over a space of three years. There was discussion concerning the drawing up of new ordinances that would permit the charging of fees for licensing restaurants, vending machines, swimming pools, etc. It was agreed to have the county attorney research this to see that the ordinance was properly executed.

Dr. McKechnie asked for the approval of the board for the hiring of two nurses, one in the nursing supervisor capacity and one to handle the Sickle Cell Program. Approval was given. Dr. McKechnie reported briefly on plans for expanding the clinic operation to more than one day. State work on expanding the Merit System to include local health departments was explained. A brief report of the survey team was given.

Considerable discussion of the hospital's proposal to move the Health Department to the house on the corner of Spring & Sparks resulted in the Board rejecting the idea. Herman Miller made the following motion to 'remain in the present facility until the hospital can provide adequate facilities, comparable to the present one or with greater space - reject the idea of the house totally.' Dr. Bower seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Reasons cited for rejecting it were as follows:

1. Safety from the clinic point of view - would not meet fire safety codes with just one exit from the basement, narrow wooden stairways, low ceiling.
2. Electrical system would not meet minimum code, old wiring that is not on a breaker system.

3. Heating system is obsolete.

4. Accessibility with Medical Records as far as birth records are concerned. Regarding the hospital wanting to move the Health Department out, it was pointed out that the hospital wanted very badly for the Health Department to be in the hospital when it was seeking Hill-Burton funds for its expansion. Dr. McKechnie stated that the State Board of Health would have to give its okay to moving the Health Department out of the hospital.

Mr. Labhart explained that building is not permitted in a flood plain area without permission from the Department of Natural Resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. McKechnie, MD

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