

Meeting Minutes

Oak Park Board of Health Tuesday, February 27, 2018- 7:00 PM Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Board of Health: Florence Miller, Noel Chavez, Adrienne Rogers, Natalie Serratos

Not present: None

Guests: Bob Danstrom (Past BOH member), Peggy Mcgrath (Go Green), Patrick Ryan (Observing BOH, potential members), Jennifer Fritz (Observing BOH, potential members), Victoria Novotny (UIC Student)

- I. Call to Order @ 7:01 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of the Minutes of November 28, 2017: Approved, first by Rogers, second by Chavez
- IV. Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township Presentation (Lisa Denunzio-Devivo, Executive Director): Mental Health Board is a 708 Board that was created via a referendum in 1973. Lisa is the Executive Director of the Board. Mandated to assess, fund and manage mental health within the Village of Oak Park. Must conduct a needs assessment every three years and generate a strategic plan. They evaluate funding annually and develop and measure specific outcomes. Lisa presented the six strategic plan areas for FY 18-22 including Underutilization of Existing Behavioral Health Services, Lack of Available BH Services, Social Norms Among Parents & Youth regarding Youth Drinking & Substance abuse, the Illicit use of Opioids, caregivers of person with DD, Access to Services for people with developmental disabilities over the age of 22 to ensure residents with developmental disabilities have their needs met. Her Board passed a budget of 1.7 million, they award 1.4 million in contracts to approximately 20 different local social service organizations.
- V. Public Comment:
 - A. Ryan Patrick: BOH Candidate, Works for a company that works on PH Advocacy
 - B. Jennifer Fritz: BOH Candidate, Physician Assistant at a FQHC
 - C. Victoria Novotny: UIC Masters of PH Student, Works for the PCC Wellness Center
 - D. Bob Danstrom: Former BOH Member with a term that ended on February 18, 2018. Provided updates on items he was working on as a member.

- E. Peggy McGrath: Go Green: Oak Park resident. Founded Go Green Oak Park several years back. Peggy presented information on engineered food, glyphosate toxicity. There will be two free public health lectures in April on this subject. There is a group called “Beyond Pesticide” that publishes “Pesticides and You” several times a year. Peggy talked about how there are 43 states, including Illinois that do not allow local legislation of pesticides. She is working to change this in Illinois so that local municipalities can draft their own legislation on pesticide use.

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Board Membership Updates: Edgar Vesga’s term ended in January 2018 & Bob Danstrom’s term ended in February 2018. Bob Danstrom attended this month’s meeting and updated the BOH on bike helmet safety. Bob communicated that the BOH should request the Police data on bike helmet enforcement. BOH to follow-up with Commander Dave Jacobson &/or Chief Ambrose. Bob communicated that he was the liaison between the Energy & Environment Commission, however there has been limited conversation with them recently.

- VII. Commissioner Updates
 - A. Noel Chavez attended an Early Childhood Collaboration meeting. Offered them information on childhood nutrition and offered the BOH as a resource.
 - B. Positive Youth Development : Miller attended a January meeting, underage drinking – Youth campaign rolled out in October at OPRF High School, there are labels being placed on alcohol, community campaign rolling out also. Miller communicated that recently Police went into establishments that sold alcohol and tested to determine if these establishments were selling to minors. The specific results are not known yet, however several establishments did fail and are being provided with education on the law.
 - C. Chair Meeting Updates: If you commit to commission, you must attend regularly. Youth member terms are one year.
 - D. Miller submitted an application for a Day in Our Village.

- VIII. New Business: Chavez communicated that the USDA is getting rid of some really important units within the USDA including specific parts of the SNAP program and the agency that manages the nutritional guidelines.

- IX. Adjourn @ 8:15 pm, first by Rogers, second by Chavez