

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
EXECUTIVE BOARD
November 28, 2018
(changed from November 14 due to Labor of Love Summit)

The meeting of the Executive Board of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) was called to order at 10:00 am in the Robert O. Yoho Board Room of the ISDH building by Brenda Goff, Chairperson. The following Board members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Naveed Chowhan, MD, FACP, MBA
Blake Dye (via phone)
Brenda Goff, HFA (Chair)
Robin Marks, DVM
Joanne Martin, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Richard Martin, DDS
Suellyn Sorensen, PharmD, BCPS
Tony Stewart, MBA, FACHE, HFA
Stephen Tharp, MD (Vice Chair)
Kristina Box, MD, FACOG (Secretary)

Members not attending:

John Gustaitis, MD
Patricia Spence, PE

The following staff members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Melissa Collier, MD, Chief Medical Officer
Amy Kent, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs
Eldon Whetstone, Assistant Commissioner, Health and Human Services
Matt Foster, Assistant Commissioner, Consumer Services & Health Care Regulation
Martha Allen, Director, Maternal and Child Health
Kelly MacKinnon, Office of Legal Affairs
Hilari Sautbine, Director, Vital Records
Manda Clevenger, Office of Legal Affairs

Guest:

Andy VanZee, Indiana Hospital Association

Call to Order

Brenda Goff, Chairperson stated that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She then asked if Board members had any known conflicts of interest to declare. Hearing none she proceeded with the meeting.

Minutes

Ms. Goff asked for discussion and/or corrections to the minutes of the September 12, 2018 Executive Board meeting. Hearing none she entertained a motion for approval. On a motion made by Tony Stewart, seconded by Dr. Tharp and passed unanimously by roll call vote, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

Official Business of the State Department of Health

Secretary's Report

Dr. Box reported that she set a goal to visit all 92 local health departments before the end of her first year as State Health Commissioner and as of December 21, 2018 she will have accomplished this goal. In 2019, she plans to have more interaction with staff at ISDH to learn more about each program area.

Dr. Box praised the Trauma and Injury Prevention Division for writing a grant application in one week that was awarded and funded – the STOP School Violence Prevention grant.

First, the ISDH will expand funding for in-school services and prevention education of school personnel, mental health professionals, students, and families. The ISDH will do so by expanding Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) training for medical professionals and school staff that is already being done at ISDH. There will also be free trainings on mental health and substance abuse tools provided by ISDH. The ISDH will fund innovative state-based strategies to support young adults that are high risk for mental illness and establish school policy recommendations.

Second, the ISDH will increase the collection and data timeliness of aggregate school violence, bullying, and adolescent mental health reporting via a mobile phone application that also has a website. The web-based portal will have real-time data which can then be shared between organizations at the state and local level. The ISDH will expand and streamline a rapid mental health response triage where authorities are notified immediately during a reportable event. The ISDH will then create an infrastructure to monitor trends and provide evidence-based recommendations to state and local stakeholders which will play a role in improving the data collection and reporting.

Finally, the ISDH will operate a crisis intervention team that will coordinate law enforcement agencies and school personnel. Indiana's governor, Eric J. Holcomb, has previously conducted a needs assessment in schools regarding violence. A crisis intervention team has partially already been formed at the ISDH, so maintenance of this team will be the main strategy. Building the relationship between the law enforcement and school personnel will increase community involvement for safer Indiana schools.

Health and Human Services Commission

Perinatal Hospital Services Rule 410 IAC 39 Discussion

Eldon Whetstone, Assistant Commissioner, Health and Human Services Commission and Martha Allen, Director, Maternal and Child Health Division presented the draft rule to the Board for discussion. It establishes rules regarding perinatal hospital and birthing center services and the certification of levels of care for birthing centers, obstetric units, neonatal units, and perinatal centers. Work on this draft rule began in 2012 with the establishment of the Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (IPQIC). A gap analysis was done so hospitals know where they stand for levels of care designations. This draft rule has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget. It has been reviewed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and they are both impressed with how well it is written. Indiana will be the 6th state in the nation to approve such a rule. Brenda Goff asked about the difference in the designation levels. Martha Allen explained the difference and noted the designation includes transport guidelines. The goal is to address issues early so delivery happens at the appropriate facility. Dr. Box stated that Indiana has the highest maternal mortality rate in the nation. Eldon asked that the Board members take the draft rule and provide comments by December 12, 2018.

Update on Labor of Love Summit

Martha Allen, Director, Maternal and Child Health Division stated this is the 2nd year the Labor of Love Summit has sold out. There were over 1400 in attendance. The Governor announced that his legislative agenda will include OB Navigation Program and legislation for verbal screening for perinatal substance use. Indiana will be the 1st state in the nation to legislate verbal screening. Currently the infant mortality rate is 7.3% which is down slightly from 7.5% in 2016.

Other

2019 Legislative Update

Amy Kent, Director of Legislative Affairs provided an update on the ISDH legislative agenda. The 2019 Legislative session officially begins on January 3.

ISDH Public Health Bill

Allows ISDH to share immunization records with the CDC

- Adds the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the list of entities ISDH can release information to from the immunization data registry.

Reduces rulemaking burden

- Provides ISDH the authority to publish the list of the reportable dangerous communicable diseases and reportable birth problems rather than using the rulemaking process, which will allow the state to more quickly respond to any emerging public health concerns.

Standing Order update

- Amends the ISDH Commissioner's standing order authority for immunizations to include all medical professionals who can administer immunizations within the scope of their practice.
- Clarifies the ability to issue a "local" standing order and statewide standing order and adds minimum requirements for what needs to be included in a standing order.

ISDH Title 16 Updates Bill

Updates vital records laws

- Updates vital records statutes to reflect the current electronic system and addresses other long overdue clean up items pertaining to birth certificates

Update WIC "food instrument" definition

- Changes 'negotiable voucher' to 'electronic benefit transfer card' in WIC statute

Distribution

Ms. Goff thanked staff for the Professional new Hire and Separation Reports, Summary of Final Orders and Consent Decrees, and Variance Waiver Approvals.

Adjourn

Hearing no additional comments from the Board, staff and public, Ms. Goff adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2018.