

**AMARILLO BI-CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
1000 MARTIN ROAD  
November 09, 2010**

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT TODAY</b>	<b>NO. OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>
Kenneth Crossland, D.D.S. Chair City of Canyon	Yes	183	159
J. Taylor Carlisle, M.D. Potter County	No	79	27
Delores Thompson Potter County	Yes	07	05
Judy Smith Randall County	Yes	57	45
Lanita Tidmore Randall County	Yes	20	18
Belinda Gonzales Taylor, Med, LLPC City of Amarillo	No	23	14
Kevin Hawkins Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Yes	35	32

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS PRESENT**

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

**Others Present:**

Evelyn M. Padilla	Recording Secretary, Public Health, City of Amarillo
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Item 1: Call to Order and Welcome. Dr. Crossland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2: Introduction of Guests / New Members. Dr. Crossland introduced three guests, Kaci Hall, WT Political Science student; Matt Hamilton, KVII-Channel 7; and Helen Neal.

Item 3: Approval of the August 10, 2010 Minutes. Dr. Crossland presented the August 10, 2010 minutes. Being no additions or corrections the minutes were approved as written.

Item 4: Consider a Joint Meeting with the Amarillo Hospital District Indigent Care and Funding Priorities Committee. The Hospital District's (AHD) Indigent Care and Funding Priorities Committee (ICFP) commissioned in 2007 and 2010 for a Community Health Assessment (CHA) telephone survey to be conducted. The survey conducted by the University of North Texas (UNT) Research Center resulted with 600 surveys being collected. Mr. Richardson reported that he is working with the UNT survey team to review the findings.

Mr. Richardson stated that he would like to present the results of the survey during a joint meeting with the AHD ICFP committee so both board could hear the results directly from the UNT survey team as well as recommendations from the department's staff. He suggested a meeting for December 7, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. or December 14, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. Board members agreed to meet on December 14, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Crossland opened the floor for discussion. There was none. Motion to meet with the Indigent Care and Funding Priorities Committee on December 14, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. was made by Ms. Tidmore, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and unanimously carried.

Item 5 and 6: Pertussis Presentation and Influenza Update. Dr. Smalligan gave a brief Power Point presentation on Pertussis and Influenza noting the current flu vaccine has the H1N1, H3N2 vaccine, which is the seasonal flu, as well as the influenza B strain in it. He reported the lowest activity was seen during the past two weeks and that Amarillo data indicates that there have only been two cases of influenza A reported in the area. Collaborated work with the West Texas Influenza Center at Texas Tech continues.

Pertussis Update: Dr. Smalligan stated the common name for Pertussis is whooping cough and that it is very contagious. Pertussis can be deadly in young children and it also affects the elderly with significant underlying health conditions. Infants contracting the disease are usually exposed to either older children or adults who have the disease and have not been vaccinated. An individual who has been infected will experience a hard cough followed by a whooping sound. In infants, the cough and whooping can be so severe that they cannot catch their breath and will turn blue and may pass out. They may develop pneumonia, have seizures, and a small percentage will die.

Dr. Smalligan reported that the recommended vaccination schedule of DTaP is at 2, 4, and 6 months of age and then a booster between 12 and 15 months of age and another one at pre-kindergarten. He added the vaccine has not been available to adults due to a large number of side effects however, about 7 years ago a version of the DTaP vaccine with acellular was developed and is now available to adults. He stated no vaccine is 100% effective and there is still a chance of contracting the disease even though you have been vaccinated.

Dr. Smalligan reported a total of 8 cases were reported in the Amarillo Potter/Randall County area last year and that there are currently 16 cases that have been reported this year. He stated there have been no deaths.

#### Item 7: Administrative Reports

##### Animal Control

Mr. McGee reviewed his written report noting there have been no improvements in the dispatch system that is linked with the police and fire departments. The dispatch system was purchased to provide record keeping for the Fire and Police Departments, Animal Control, Randall County Sheriff's Department, and the EMS. However the system did not have a component built in to it to address the needs of law enforcement and animal control. He stated that work is ongoing to adapt the system to the needs of each department but it may take another 6 to 12 months before it is fixed.

Mr. McGee reported about a 5% decrease from last year in the number of dog bites and that the number of bites in the animal versus human bites is lower than last year. He attributed this decrease to limited access in the elementary and middle schools for the bite education program. He stated the bite education program is conducted in some parks and to small civic groups but, it does not have the same impact as when it is done in the schools.

##### Environmental Health

Ms. Duke reviewed her report noting no significant changes. She recognized Animal Control for their assistance during the summer time by supplementing space spraying operations which allows her department to continue to larvacide through the heavy rains.

##### Health Authority

Dr. Smalligan reported the refugee program has been very active.

##### Public Health

Mr. Richardson reviewed his written report noting the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and some national agencies are exploring accreditation of local health departments. It is a voluntary accreditation but the plan for CDC is by 2016 funding will require accreditation. He stated Public Health may be one of the first health departments and one of the first applicants in the fall of 2011.

Refugee Services: Due to the increase of refugees, clinic hours have expanded to two clinic days per week and additional staff which includes a part-time nurse practitioner and a full-time registered nurse.

Immunizations: Mr. Richardson reported for FY 09/10 21,000 shots were administered which, does not include 9,000 shots that were facilitated for H1N1. A total of 9,300 patients were seen which averages about 2 to 2 ½ shots each. Mr. Richardson stated that there is a proposal to cut money for vaccine and that he has been advocating at the state level to educate law makers and committees in preparation for the legislative session.

HIV/STD: Mr. Richardson informed the board of a new intervention for Amarillo and for the state of Texas called Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT). He explained the intervention allows a sexual contact of a positive patient for an STD to hand deliver or take the meds to their partner. By allowing the patient to hand deliver the meds to their partner eliminates the need for the partner to come in and be tested, it cuts down on clinic time and provides the therapy that we would provide here.

Mr. Richardson reported that hours have been expanded and some weekend services have been made available for counseling and testing.

CD/TB: Mr. Richardson stated that there have been some Shigella cases and 16 cases of pertussis have been reported. He reported the TB case load has tripled and that the department has been aggressively testing for TB.

Public Health Preparedness: The department is scheduled to receive an electronic medical records system which is similar to what is being used at the City Care Employee clinic. Staff is currently updating preparedness plans.

WIC

Mr. Chamberlain reported 3,584 participants were seen in August, 8,461 were seen in September and 8,395 were seen in October.

Item 8: Public Comments. Dr. Crossland asked if there were any public comments to come before the board; there were none.

Item 9: Adjournment. Dr. Crossland asked if there were any items to be put on the next agenda. There were none.

Dr. Crossland scheduled the next meeting for 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2011 at the Public Health Department, 1000 Martin Road. Being no further business to come before the board, Dr. Crossland adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair

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Evelyn M. Padilla, Recording Secretary