

TOWN OF ISLESBORO
HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 16, 2017, 3:30 PM, Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members present: Linda Gillies, Michael Kerr (chair), Charlotte Mitchell, David Runnion-Bareford
Members absent: Sharon Ashley, Chloe Joule, Derreth Roberts, Myra Rolerson, Brenda Thomas
Others present: Janet Anderson, Owen Howell, PA-C, Rhonda Shand, Dr. Edward Steele

Mike Kerr called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. A quorum was established.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the minutes for the meeting of January 19, 2017 were approved as written.

Health Center Director's Report. Owen Howell reported the following:

- Dorie Henning and Linda Wentworth were attending the Harvard Medical School's conference on Primary Care Medicine, held on March 13-17 in Boston. The conference has excellent speakers, and Owen hopes to be able to attend one scheduled for the spring.
- Finishing touches are being made to the decorations in the Health Center office, including the addition of several paintings that had belonged to Owen's mother-in-law.
- As a cost-saving measure, Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care & Hospice, which has provided home health care services to patients on Islesboro, has joined together with HomeHealth Visiting Nurses and Waldo County Home Health and Hospice to form MaineHealth Care At Home. Owen said that reducing home nursing services was too bad, for they save time and money.
- The Ambulance Association provides call buttons to people over age 50. They are available through the Town Office. Linda said that this winter an elderly resident fell in the snow outside her house and was unable to get up. She pushed her call button, and soon the Town's emergency services were there to help her.
- In response to requests, the Health Center will put together a list of where information about services provided by Alcoholics Anonymous can be found.
- Dorie and Linda have provided CRMN training to two members of the Boardman Cottage staff.

Administrator's Report. Janet Anderson reported the following:

- The Selectmen's review of the IHC's 2017/18 budget went well.
- Information about mental health services provided at the Islesboro Community Center one day a week by Joyce Sirota has gone out on the Town website on Facebook.

Tick-borne Disease Prevention Committee. In Derreth Roberts's absence, Linda Gillies circulated the committee's quarterly report for 2016, which shows that there was a total of 57 probable or confirmed cases of Lyme disease. Of these, 7 were likely caused by bites received off-island. She said that the Health Center's full report about the tick-borne disease numbers, along with other related statistical information, would be published in the March/April issue of Islesboro Island News. She thanked Dorie and other IHC staff members for maintaining accurate records and summarizing the numbers, a big job. Owen said that a couple of years ago he tried to find out about the numbers in other towns, but that the CDC would not provide them.

Next HCAB meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18 at 3:30 in the Town Office.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Gillies

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