



## Clark County Health Department

1220 MISSOURI AVENUE  
JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA 47130  
812-282-7521

JANUARY 27, 1983

Present: Mr. Herman Miller; Mr. William Brummett; F.S. Horlander, MD;  
Emmett Speith, D.V.M.; and Mr. Arthur Schneider.

Absent: Paul D. Cleeter, D.D. S.; Robert E. Lega, MD.

Health Department Employees: Robert K. McKechnie, MD, Health Officer  
Norman J. Labhart, Administrative Assistant  
Roger Lindsey, Esq., Legal Advisor

Visitor: John Gilkey, Reporter for Evening News

The minutes of the October 28, 1982, were approved as mailed.

The idea of a Tuberculosis regulation was discussed. The Board decided to give the guidelines for a proposed regulation to the legal advisor to put into the proper form. Should there be a need for a public hearing before the next Board meeting, F.S. Horlander, MD, was appointed as hearing officer.

Dr. McKechnie reported on the continuing progress of the Maternal and Child Health Clinic. The new nurse, Natalie McGuire, RN, is being trained by P.J. Powell, RN.

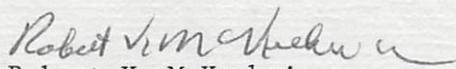
The Home Health update was given by Dr. McKechnie. The Home Health Service Fiscal report for 1982, was presented. The patient census has continued to increase.

The contract for the legal advisor was discussed. Art Schnieter made a motion to renew the contract for the year 1983, seconded by Dr. Horlander, and passed.

The shortage of nurses and professional personnel continues to be a problem. At times it is not possible to obtain a county resident to fill a particular vacancy. The motion was made by Art Schneider that "preference to be given to residents of Clark County but if no suitable county applicant is available, applicants from out of the county may be considered." Mr. Brummett seconded the motion. After a short discussion, the Board voted on the idea, which passed, but the legal advisor was to word it properly for the personnel policy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert K. McKechnie

Well Child & Family Planning  
Room 107 Medical Arts Building

Home Health Service  
Skilled Nursing & Home Health Aides

MARCH 31, 1983

Present: Mr. Herman Miller; Mr. William Brummett; Emmett Speith, D.V.M.;  
Mr. Art Schneider; Robert Lega, M.D.; and Paul Cleeter, D.D.S.

Absent: F.S. Horlander, M.D.

Health Department Employees: Robert McKechnie, M.D., Roger Lindsey, Esq.,  
Norman Labhart, Administrative Assistant

The minutes of the January 27, 1983, Board meeting were approved.

After some discussion on the proposed Tuberculosis regulation, Dr. Cleeter was appointed hearing officer. Mr. Lindsey, legal advisor, would make arrangements for the place of hearing and provide assistance to Dr. Cleeter in the preparation for the public hearing.

Dr. McKechnie gave an update on the measles outbreak in the state. Dr. Lega reported on the measles clinic. It is hoped that there will be a good turn out at the clinics.

Mr. Miller appointed the budget committee for 1984, consisting of Mr. Miller, Dr. Lega, Mr. Schneider, Dr. McKechnie and Mr. Labhart.

Home Health started physical therapy service. A copy of the contract was presented for board approval. Dr. Speith so moved and seconded by Mr. Brummett, motion passed.

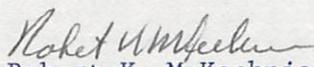
The Maternal Child Clinic moved from the first floor of the Medical Arts building to the fourth. This provided additional space for office, family planning and Pediatrics use.

A new subdivision was brought before the board. Some of the soil was acceptable for septic tank installation. Seventy two lots were proposed with an average size of 1.3 acres. Fifty lots were for septic tank installation and twenty two lots are to be added onto an existing lagoon. After some discussion, the following was resolved:

1. Lot size could be reduced but no lot less than .5 acres.
2. Main line sewers to be installed to all lots and capped off for further use.
3. Those lots without acceptable soil be connected to existing lagoon.

There being nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

  
Robert K. McKechnie  
Health Officer



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### SPECIAL MEETING

May 11, 1983

PRESENT: Mr. Herman Miller; Dr. Paul D. Cleeter, DDS; Dr. Emmitt Speith, DVM; Mr. William Brummett; and, Mr. Arthur Schneider.

ABSENT: Dr. Robert E. Lega, MD; Dr. F. S. Horlander, MD.

HEALTH DEPT. PERSONNEL: Dr. Robert K. McKechnie, MD, Health Officer  
Norman J. Labhart, Admn. Assistant  
Roger L. Lindey, Legal Advisor

VISITORS: Dr. Robert W. Powell, MD, Pulmonary Disease Specialist  
Doug Hammond, West Clark Teachers  
Carol A. Bottoms, President, Greater Clark Educ. Assn.  
Mrs. Betty Wolverton, Clarksville School Corporation  
General Public (see attached sign in sheet)

A Special Meeting of the Clark County Board of Health was held at 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 11, 1983, in accordance with legal notice published in the Jeffersonville Evening News on April 29, 1983, and May 6, 1983, as required by I.C. 4-22-2-4 and I.C. 36-2-4-8, et. al., as amended, for the purpose of conducting a hearing to receive facts, arguments, written data or views, and to take official action upon, a proposed Rule and Regulation #1-1983 by the Clark County Board of Health requiring tuberculosis testing of school employees in Clark County, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Herman Miller, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Clark County Board of Health, held March 31, 1983, were waived.

The Chairman then introduced the Board Members and the Clark County Health Department personnel to the general public, and thereafter, turned the proceedings over to Dr. Paul D. Cleeter, DDS, to act as hearing officer on the proposed Rule and Regulation.

The Hearing Officer then asked the Health Officer, Dr. Robert K. McKechnie, to present the proposed Rule and Regulation #1-1983, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Health Officer then read the proposed Rule and Regulation #1-1983, and further informed the Board that the Indiana Legislature repealed the laws that previously required testing of school personnel and other individuals who come into daily contact with students and/or children to obtain an annual Mantoux test and/or x-rays concerning possible active tuberculosis in such individuals. The Health Officer expressed a concern that by the repeal of the State laws, there<sup>is</sup> undue risk to students and/or children who are attended daily, and in support of his position, introduced Dr. Robert W. Powell, M.D., Pulmonary Disease Specialist, for his commentary.

Dr. Powell stated that he had reviewed the proposed Rule and Regulation #1-1983, and stated that he feels it is a very reasonable Rule and Regulation. Dr. Powell further stated that annual checks will help to promote public health and control disease, ie tuberculosis, by helping to find and treat open and active tuberculosis germs which positive PPD's and annual chest x-rays would disclose and help to circumvent the spread of tuberculosis to students and children.

The Hearing Officer then asked the general public if there was anyone present who would like to speak for or against the

proposed Rule and Regulation. Mr. Doug Hammond, representing the West Clark Teachers, Ms. Carol A. Bottoms, President, Greater Clark Education Association, and Mrs. Betty Wolverton, Clarksville School Corporation Board Member, all expressed a desire to speak concerning the tuberculosis Rule and Regulation #1-1983.

Mr. Doug Hammond presented his views first and stated that there are approximately 40 people in the west Clark School System who are allergic to the Mantoux serum and would have to take x-rays at their own expense. In addition, Mr. Hammond pointed out that other employees who are around children or food would not be required to obtain annual tests, such people being restaurant operators, etc. Mr. Hammond then submitted a letter from Mr. Ronald T. Fiddler, Principal, Sellersburg Elementary School, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, expressing the same views as Mr. Hammond. The Health Officer pointed out that the cost of the testing and x-rays are a matter between the teachers and other school personnel and the particular school and/or corporation which would be involved. The Health Officer further stated that it is the daily, prolonged and enclosed environment between school personnel and children which is of concern for the control of tuberculosis, and that casual exposure to someone with active tuberculosis is of a substantial lesser risk for the children.

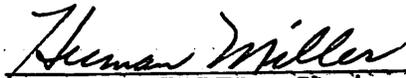
Ms. Carol A. Bottoms, President, Greater Clark Education Association, spoke next. Ms. Bottoms wanted to know why the Indiana Legislature has not acted and also expressed concern with the exposure to annual x-rays. Dr. Powell stated that annual x-ray exposure for tuberculosis is of no concern as the exposure is very light and there would be no adverse affects for same. Dr. Powell also pointed out that casual contact is substantially less likely to spread tuberculosis.

Mrs. Betty Wolverton, Clarksville School Corporation member spoke next and pointed out that her husband, Dr. George Wolverton, M.D., recommends annual chest x-rays to his patients and feels that the State of Indiana has become too lax concerning this problem. Therefore, Mrs. Wolverton simply expressed a desire to amend the proposed Rule and Regulation #1-1983 to reflect those changes shown on the proposed Rule and Regulation which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

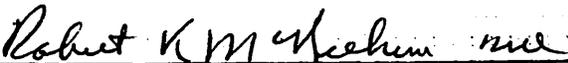
The Health Officer then reiterated his concern and pointed out that within the last few years a teacher in Clarksville, Clarks County, Indiana, had caused extensive exposure to students without the teacher knowing he had active tuberculosis germs.

The Hearing Officer, Dr. Cleeter, then asked the audience if there were any other comments to be made, and upon no response, closed the hearing and turned the meeting back over to the Chairman, Mr. Herman Miller.

The Chairman then asked for discussion of the Board. Upon completion of the discussion, it was unanimously carried upon motion duly made and seconded, that the tuberculosis testing Rule and Regulation #1-1983, be adopted with the proposed amendments, a copy of which final Rule and Regulation is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

  
HERMAN MILLER, Chairman, Clark  
County Board of Health

ATTEST:

  
DR. ROBERT K. McKECHNIE, M.D.,  
Clark County Health Officer

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

JUNE 30, 1983

PRESENT: Mr. Herman Miller; Mr. Arthur Schneider, Jr.; Mr. William Brummett; Emmett Speith, D.V.M.; Robert E. Lega, M.D.; Paul Cleeter, D.D.S.; F.S. Horlander, M.D.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Robert K. McKechnie, M.D., Health Officer  
Norman Labhart, Administrative Assistant  
Roger Lindsey, Legal Advisor

The Clark County Board of Health met on June 30, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. at the Hilton Inn in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

The minutes of the March 31, 1983 meeting were approved as mailed.

Dr. Speith gave a very interesting and educational presentation on Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The incidences of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever has increased in the last year. The carrier, the dog tick, is found throughout the state. Ball State University is conducting research on ticks and Dr. Speith presented some of the raw data. When in an area where ticks are, a check should be made at least once every four hours to remove any ticks. To prevent your pet from bringing ticks home, use either sevin dust or a sulfur and lime dip.

The 1983 Annual Report was presented to the Board. The members were pleased with the report.

The next item on the agenda for discussion was the 1984 Budget. The Budget was presented to the Board by the Budget Committee and after some discussion and questions a motion was made by F.S. Horlander, M.D., to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Arthur Schneider, Jr.; the Board so voted and so passed the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Miller.

Respectfully submitted

*Robert K. McKechnie*  
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Secretary  
Clark County Board of Health

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

OCTOBER 12, 1983

PRESENT: Mr. Herman Miller; Mr. Arthur Schneider, Jr.; Mr. William Brummett;  
Emmet Speith, D.V.M.; Robert Lega, M.D.; Paul Cleeter, D.D.S;  
F.S. Horlander, M.D.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Robert K. McKechnie, M.D., Health Officer  
Norman Labhart, Administrative Assistant  
Roger Lindsey, Legal Advisor

The Clark County Board of Health met on October 12, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. at  
the Hilton Inn in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

The minutes of the Special Meeting on May 11, 1983 and the regular meeting  
on June 30, 1983 were approved as mailed.

Election of Officers was held. Mr. Herman Miller was elected as President  
and Paul Cleeter, D.D.S. was elected Vice-President. The motion was made  
by Mr. William Brummett and seconded by Emmet Speith, D.V.M.

Dr. Cleeter made a motion that the names of Mr. Herman Miller and Mr.  
William Brummett be submitted for reappointment, as their terms expire  
on December 31, 1983. The motion was seconded by Mr. Art Schneider and  
was passed.

The Audit Report for 1981 and 1982 was brought before the Board. The item  
of disposition of Bad Debts was discussed. All Bad Debts will be brought  
before the Board for approval before being written off the books.

The meeting dates were set for 1984. They will be March 29, 1984; May 31, 1984;  
August 29, 1984; and October 31, 1984. The meeting place will be the  
Hilton Inn.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert K. McKechnie, M.D.  
Secretary  
Clark County Board of Health