

Public Health Commission Meeting Minutes

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November 20, 2003

Commissioners Present: Bernie Goldner, Jean Poulos, and Kaylor Shemberger
Staff: Celia Barry, Marcy Abrams and Denise Duarte

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order. Welcome to new member Kaylor Shemberger. Introductions were made and each member gave a brief history about themselves as well as their background in the health care field.
 2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A motion was made to approve the September 2003 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
 3. **Public Input:**
 - **AGENDA ITEM:** Update on SB186 Body Art Regulations was passed around. Nothing new to report
 4. **Announcements:**
 5. **Communications:**
 - **Bernie requested to have three (3) items added to the regular agenda. Those items are: the HIV/AIDS report, Emergency Room crisis and nursing shortage. Brief discussion followed on the Emergency room and nursing crises.**
 - Copies of the minutes from the December 4, 2003 Commission on Disabilities meeting were passed around.
- Review of Sewage Spills**
- Sewage Spill Report- Sewage spill report from 3/03-11/03 was reviewed and discussed.
6. **Discussion of Bioterrorism and Public Health Emergency Preparedness**
 - Marcy gave a brief review of the APLHA/BT Unit as well as some information on the Plague Drill held 11-13-03. Some of the strengths and weaknesses of the drill were discussed.

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Flu Update

- Marcy gave a brief update on the flu and the vaccine. She also provided everyone with copies of the CDC's Influenza Summary Update dated 11/8/03 and a NY Times article on the flu vaccine.
8. **State and County Budget Update**
Deferred to next meeting.
 9. **SB 921** –Information on SB 921 was passed around and reviewed.

Next meeting date: January 22, 2004 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM, Solarium

Minutes typed Denise Duarte