

MACHEALTH
Minutes

The December 11, 1969 meeting of MACHealth was held in the Planned Parenthood Board Room, 1st Floor, Glenn Building, after last-minute cancellation of Room 619.

Those present:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Mr. Linwood Beck	Mr. Flay W. Sellers	Dr. Raphael B. Levine
Hon Wm. H. Breen, Jr.	Mr. Bill Thompson	Mr. A. F. Branton
Rev. E. B. Broughton	Mr. A. B. Padgett	Mrs. Harriet Bush
Mr. Jack Cofer	Mrs. Merle Lott, R. N.	Miss Rebecca Dinkel
Mr. Gary Cutini	Mr. Henry Montfort	Mr. Frank A. Smith
Mr. Drew Fuller		Mrs. Gayle Matson
Mr. James Gardner		Mrs. Lou Ashton
Mrs. Henry Mae Glenn		
Mrs. Mandy Griggs		
Dr. Quillian Hamby		
Miss Sue Jockers		
Mrs. Linden Johnson		
Mrs. Evangeline Lane		
Mrs. Gladys Lovett		
Mr. William Pinkston, Jr.		
Mrs. Ruth Robinson		
Mr. Nelson Severinghaus		
Dr. Luther Vinton		
Mr. Lyndon A. Wade		
Dr. Robert E. Wells		
Dr. Luther Fortson		

Mrs. Harriet Bush passed out questionnaires pertaining to Public Health and asked that they be filled in and returned to her.

Mr. A. B. Padgett reported results of site team visit of December 2. He said that there had been a rather lengthy visit with the site team, 9:00 A. M. - 1:00 P. M. The team had many questions. Mr. Padgett said that friends had reported that the team seemed favorably impressed with the answers to questions they raised and there was no apparent reason why they would not go ahead with their recommendations for funding at the January 26 meeting. This, of course, means that there will be no funding January 1 as was hoped and it will necessitate shifting some items on the timetable. Mr. Padgett called on Dr. Levine for an explanation of what this means.

Dr. Levine added that the site team did not at any time appear antagonistic. They had legitimate questions and wanted answers and were determined to probe until they got the answers. He said that he thought the group was satisfied that MACHealth was the right kind of organization in regard to MACLOG and CCAA. Dr. Levine said he felt that they were convinced that the systems approach was an excellent way for the council to have more information, therefore, decisions would be somewhat easier to arrive at in this way rather than using the current standard techniques of attacking one problem at a time

and ignoring the interrelationships of the problems.

Mr. Padgett added that people on the council will have an opportunity to have explained to them any questions that they may have regarding the systems approach which they do not understand clearly.

Dr. Levine discussed the impact of the delay in funding. He pointed out the fact that there were a number of things which needed attention now and there was no money with which to engage additional staff and this would necessitate going ahead with inadequate manpower in many instances until April 1 at which time MACHealth should become an agency on its own. At the recommendation of the Regional Health Advisory Committee, MACHealth applied for an extension grant to continue in the organizational phase for an additional three to six months. Under this grant, urgent items can be done. Dr. Levine mentioned the need for bringing a facilities review committee into existence by February.

Dr. Levine introduced the new organization liaison planner, Miss Rebecca Dinkel, and reported that she was doing an excellent job.

Dr. Levine also reported the illness of Mrs. Loretta Barnes, Secretary pro tem, and told the group that Mrs. Barnes expected to leave the hospital about December 12.

Dr. Levine asked the Nominating Committee and the Council to begin thinking of logical candidates for the permanent offices: president, 5 vice presidents, and secretary. He pointed out the need for a slate to be presented before the end of December. He also said there could be nominations from the floor at the meeting in January. He said the nominating committee would be glad to hear from any individual on MACHealth who might have a logical nominee in mind for one or more of the offices.

Mr. Padgett stated that the Community Council has been looked to by State Department of Public Health as a review agency for requests for federal funding and federal approval. He said that the Board of Directors of the Community Council agreed to turn this responsibility over to MACHealth as soon as we are ready. Nelson Severinghaus moved that MACHealth accept that responsibility as soon as possible. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Levine added that any person who would like to be on this committee should mention it to the Chairman pro tem. He also pointed out that a mental health committee needs to be set up quite soon. He urged members to participate diligently in committee work.

Dr. Levine brought the group up to date on the matter of Cobb County, the misunderstanding through the press, etc. He stated that MACHealth is the official agency for review of all health projects involving federal government and it would redound to Cobb County's benefit to be a member in good standing of MACHealth. The council will be giving a good deal of technical assistance which will be made available to participating members, but cannot be made available to non-participating members.

Cobb County's holding out, said Dr. Levine, will probably mean about a 10% cut in the budget, with some reduction in staff. Dr. Levine says that he feels sure that Cobb will come in eventually. He said that there is a commitment in the budget for 1970 from all counties except Cobb. \$149,000 must be raised locally to match federal funds. Counties have committed just under \$100,000. It is hoped that \$37,000 can be raised from private sources such as foundations, and \$112,000 from counties. Dr. Levine said that even if Cobb decides not to come in, it is expected that participation from other Cobb County agencies will prevent Cobb from being left out of the budgetary picture altogether.

Mr. Severinghaus asked if the City of Atlanta was included in the budget; Dr. Levine answered that so far no way had been devised to get city money contributions into the picture. Counties are asked to contribute on a per-capita basis, which includes cities within the county. He said that there is no a priori reason why the cities should not be involved. They have an impact on health and receive benefits from health, too.

Dr. Levine reported that the MACLOG incorporation was ratified in November.

Miss Rebecca Dinkel reported her efforts to get through to Cobb County through the Chamber of Commerce. She said that Messrs. Gilbert and Graham had suggested a "cooling off" period, then beginning a new education campaign in Cobb County about MACHealth.

Dr. Levine briefed the group about the work that the emergency health services task force has been doing. He said that an application for a study is almost ready to be submitted by Georgia Tech. He said that the application must be submitted by December 20 and that the project was very closely coordinated through a task force of MACHealth. The question of local matching money and whose responsibility it will be to raise it was brought up. Dr. Levine reported that several members of the task force had ideas of where the money would come from and prospects for raising the money look good. Mr. Pinkston suggested that the board take no official action on this matter until more is known about funding, etc.

Dr. Levine asked if there would be any objections to stating in the application that the group expects to stay within the framework of the MACHealth guidelines.

Mr. Padgett suggested that the application state that the task force is working hand in glove with MACHealth. There were no objections to this statement. Gary Cutini urged that caution be used in endorsing projects in order to avoid duplication and fragmentation. Mr. Padgett agreed that MACHealth's main objective was coordination.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



For Loretta Barnes, Secretary pro tem