

HEALTH DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

La Marque – The United Board of Health which has governed the Galveston County Health District since 1970 was recently redesigned as a result of a Sunset Review of the district authorized by the Galveston County Commissioners Court in 2000.

The new composition of the board expanded from nine positions to thirteen positions. The new agreement specifies representation from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Mainland Medical Center, the Galveston County Medical Society, the food services/food sales industry, local municipalities (two positions), citizens at large (three positions), a dentist, an engineer, a registered nurse, and a veterinarian.

In December 2002, County Commissioners submitted nominations of new board members to city governments in the district for their review and approval. In mid February 2003 the nominees were approved by the cities and were subsequently appointed.

The new members are: Scott Bentley (Mainland Medical Center), Mary Anne Holcomb (municipality), Charles Kelly (citizen at large), John Konikowski, MD (Galveston County Medical Society), Rosie Morales, NP (municipality), Patricia Rogers, MD (citizen at large), Walter Treybig III (engineer), Jan Winnike, RN (registered nurse), and Carlos Zamora, DVM (veterinarian). Existing members who will continue to serve on the board are: Milton Howard, DDS (dentist), Bernard Milstein, MD (citizen at large), Ben Raimer, MD (University of Texas Medical Branch), and John Zendt (food services/food sales), who is the current board chair.

“The United Board of Health is one of two boards which adopt policies for the Galveston County Health District,” says Dr. Mark Guidry, Executive Director for the District. “The other board is the 4C’s Governing Board which adopts policies specifically for the federally funded community health clinics which are operated by the Health District.” Guidry further states that, “Galveston County is unique in that it has two boards which look out for the health of Galveston County by reviewing and adopting policies in the best interest of our community.”

Other operations of the Health District include the city of Galveston ambulance services and over 20 traditional public health programs from disease detection, disaster response, environmental inspections, immunizations, and community health nursing.

For more information contact:

Kurt Koopmann

Public Information Specialist

(409) 938-2211

kkoopmann@gchd.org

Galveston County Health District

Harlan “Mark” Guidry, MD, MPH

Executive Director

Galveston County Health District