

MINUTES

February 11, 2019 Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Charles Choate
Dr. Ihrke
Dr. Leighty
Dr. Miller
Chuck Poling
Dr. Ratliff
Dr. Renfroe

Members Absent

Staff Present

Dr. Moore	Tara Street
Amber Turner	Dale Carr
Diedre Miller	Dean Small
Rosalinda Taylor	Jeff Couch
Deidre Hamilton	Lesa Dillon

Meeting was called to order at 5:07pm.

Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2018 Executive Session minutes approved as written.

December 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes approved as written.

Foods Division Report

Dale Carr submitted the Foods Division report (attachment). Dale stated the Foods Division is overwhelmed and that a foodborne outbreak is inevitable due to lack of training in establishments.

Nursing Division Report

Amber Turner submitted the Nursing Division report (attachment). Amber stated Grant County currently has no open cases of Hepatitis A. New Communicable Disease Nurse, Deidre Hamilton, was introduced. From November 1, 2017 through February 11, 2019 there were 61 reported cases. 997 individuals have been vaccinated for Hep A since January 1, 2018. Amber also shared the STD clinic is picking up. Changing clinic hours to afternoon for appointments is being considered although no walk-in patient is ever turned away no matter the time of day.

Environmental Division Report

Jeff Couch submitted the Environmental Division report (attachment). Jeff shared the Dubois St. complaint is going through the slow, tedious process of methodic testing. A second round of letters have been sent out to the original group and round one letters to the next group with minimal response from either group.

Vital Records Report

Lesa Dillon submitted the Vital Records report (attachment).

Old Business

- a) On-Site Septic Ordinance – tabled to next meeting
- b) Grant County Smoke Free Air Ordinance – tabled to next meeting
- c) Establish procedure for annual Health Officer evaluation. – tabled to next meeting

New Business

- a) Election of Officers – Dr. Ratliff was nominated and unanimously appointed Board President. Dr. Irhke was nominated and unanimously appointed Board Vice President.
- b) This Is Us – Dr. Moore expressed his desire to build a better relationship between the board and the Health Department staff. At Dr. Moore’s request each board member shared their reasons for accepting a position on the board as well as some personal history and their goals as the Grant County Health Board. A power point presentation – This is Us – was presented to the board during which several employees shared their hopes for the future of the Health Department.
 - Dale Carr would like to have more staff to be able to meet the demands on the foods division.
 - Diedre Miller would like for the public to be aware of the free vaccinations available to those in need. She would also like to see tobacco expanded tobacco education. She wants to be number 1 in the state.
 - Rosalinda Taylor voiced appreciation for the opportunity to get to know the board on a more personal level and would like to continue the interactions. Rosalinda also hopes to expand tobacco education beyond just 4th graders.
 - Amber Turner would love to offer more services in a larger facility. “We shoot for the moon.” Amber would love to lift the dark cloud over Grant County.
 - Tara Street is excited about where, with this talented pool of service-minded staff, we can go under our new leadership.
 - Dr. Moore would love to address generational poverty.

Dr. Renfroe announced that National Public Health Week is April 1st through the 7th.

The Grant County Community Meeting: The Health of Grant County-Needs, Resources, Strategies, and Best Practices will be held April 4, 2019 from 2:00-3:30 PM in the Globe Theater at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm

Next meeting April 15, 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street