Spencer County Board of Health

Minutes April 16th, 2025

The quarterly meeting of the Spencer County Board of Health was called to order at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, by Mike Sisley, Chairman of the Board.

The following Board Members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Joshua Poos, Health Officer
Mike Sisley, Chairman
Arnold Braun, Vice-Chairman
Adam Haaff

The following Staff Members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Mindy Spinks, Registrar
Ashley Hagan, PHN
Tammy Graham, Foods
Greg Sermersheim, Environmental/Bldg
Andrew Foster, Atty

The following Public were present for all or part of the meeting:

Minutes

Mike Sisley asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting on January 15th, 2025. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as presented. Arnold Braun made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Adam Haaff seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Members reviewed the staff reports from the 1st quarter and Mike Sisley asked if there were any questions. Adam Haaff made the motion to approve the staff reports as read. Arnold Braun seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

- The Lochmueller group payments were discussed and by looking at the last invoice there will be one more invoice submitted before we are through paying them.

- A review of the contractual partners was done. The Health Department has partnered this year with:

- Spencer County EMS/CPR manuals - $ 11,913.00
- St Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept./LUCAS CPR - $ 26,480.09
- The Way of Rockport/ 2nd Yr Adult program - $4292.57
- Spencer Co Tobacco Prev./youth program - $6425.00

- For a total of $ 49,110.66. It was discussed that with the HFI funding going to be cut and the immunization grant going from estimated $70,000 to $4000 that we wait and see how the Health Departments financial situation is before any more awards are offered. It was discussed that what was covered under the immunization program will have to be shifted to the HFI funding. This includes 2 part-time employee positions. The main portion of the HFI grant is to fund the Health Department and the programs within the department itself.

New Business

- Mike Sisley took the time to introduce Tammy Graham as the new Food and Pools Inspector and Greg Sermersheim as the new Environmental/Building Inspector.

- Mike stated that we had done interviews this past week for the Clinic Asst and the other PHN position and that we had hired Donna Walters to be the Clinic Asst and Veronica Brink to be the other PHN.

- Tammy Graham gave an update on the changes with HB 1577 Retail Food Code. Tammy stated that there will be code # changes, new enforcements and new inspection reports. This took effect this April. The IDOH is advising that discussion and education are the priority right now until the end of 2025. This is to allow time for establishments to learn the new regulations. January 2026 is when the Health Departments will start enforcement of the codes.

- Tammy Graham also stated that the inspection of pools is going to be focused on more at the local level. There will be a new program iPools that she will have to enter location/ owner information and inspection reports in. She stated that there are 30 pools within Spencer County that would need to be inspected.

- There was a discussion on the placement of 2 specimen cabinets being placed outside of the stall, one being placed in the women's bathroom and one in the men's. This is so that the department can discreetly and professionally collect specimens to test for STDs. This was brought before the Commissioners, and they decided to have the Health Board make the call on where the cabinets were placed. Dr. Poos recommended providing this service and to do it professionally there would need to be a metal-locked cabinet placed inside a stall in each of the above-mentioned bathrooms. The nurses would be responsible for the cleaning, restocking and monitoring of said cabinets.

- It was also discussed that the Commissioners are looking into getting a credit account for the county. The overall opinion was that this would be beneficial to the departments. There are times when employees must use their personal credit cards to make payments and get reimbursed.

- An estimated HFI 2026 budget was presented for review. With explanation of 1/3 cut of the 2025 amount received that the state is saying would get you in the ballpark of what you might receive for 2026. We will not know until the State sends out its final amount. Arnold Braun made the motion to accept the estimated budget with adjustments to be made as needed to our June Budget meeting. Adam Haaff seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adam Haaff made a motion to adjourn. Arnold Braun seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.