

Health Board Minutes
January 17th, 2023
Members present in person at the Health Department and on Zoom

Members Present:

Linda Bauer
Thomi Elmore
Thomas Martin
Cynthia Rose
Catherine Rountree
James Zimmerly

Staff Present:

Ernie Reed
Taylor Hardesty
Jennifer Heller
Seleah Settle
Judy Hess
Dr. Norman Oestrike, Health Officer

Absent:

Michael Day

Board Nominations for 2023:

- a. Board President
 - I. **MOTION** to nominate Thomi Elmore as Board President: Cindy Rose
ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Board Vice President
 - I. **MOTION** to nominate Dr. Michael Day as Board Vice President: Cindy Rose
ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Assistant Health Officer
 - I. **MOTION** to nominate Dr. Thomas Martin as Assistant Health Officer: Jim Zimmerly
ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from November 15th, 2022

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the minutes from the November 15th meeting passed unanimously.

Health Officer- Dr. Norman Oestrike

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the Health Officer's report for January through December 2023 passed unanimously.

Front Office- Judy Hess and Taylor Hardesty – Report Mailed

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the front office report passed unanimously.

Emergency Preparedness-Corey Frost– Report Mailed

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the emergency preparedness report passed unanimously.

Nursing- Seleah Settle – Report Mailed

- a. Full Time Nursing Position
 - I. Seleah stated that she has not received any more applications for the open nursing position due to the salary. The salary is dictated by County Council. The job ad is being posted in the Democrat.
 - II. Cindy Rose suggested reaching out to the older generation of retired nurses to see if anyone would be interested. Cathy Rountree recommended being in contact with local college's nursing programs so they can inform recent graduates of job openings or interning opportunities. Thomi inquired if it would be feasible to replace the full-time position for 2 part time positions. Seleah said she would continue to explore all these options.

- b. Senior Nursing Clinics
 - I. Cathy stated that she loves the wellness check up clinic the nurses do at Hickory Ridge and wondered if they could perform something similar on a larger scale at the office.
 - II. Seleah said that it has been discussed. The nurses have explored holding a clinic at the surrounding senior apartments, but with COVID constantly fluctuating it is hard to cement any plans. Seleah has also been in contact with the director for the Veteran Affairs Office, Chris Snell, discussing the services the department can offer veterans. Seleah does hope to be able to do more senior and veteran outreach in the future.
- c. Naloxone
 - I. Cindy Rose inquired* if the citizens that receive Naloxone are given training on how to administer it. Seleah said each Naloxone kit comes with instructions, and several other educational materials regarding treatment. She also gives them general instructions verbally whenever they pick up the kits.
 - II. Seleah specified that almost all the Naloxone that is given from the health department is for distribution sites. To be a distribution site that entity must go through some basic training through the state and get approved in the state's system. Most of the Naloxone is given to Centerstone, Nashville Police, the Sheriff's Department, volunteer fire departments, and other community services.

*The word inquired was added per amendment passed on 3/21/23

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the nursing report passed unanimously.

Environmental Health –Jennifer Heller – Report Mailed

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the environmental health report passed unanimously.

Environmental Health-John Kennard & Ernie Reed-Report Mailed

- a. Sewer Progress
 - I. Linda Bauer stated that lately realtors have been putting in their Lake Lemon home listings that sewer will be available in 5 years, and she wanted to know if this was true.
 - II. Ernie said that the department is not involved with the Regional Sewer District. He has frequent correspondence with members of the Helmsburg Sewer District, and from his understanding things are moving forward with the sewer expansion in the Helmsburg and Lake Lemon area. An architect has been hired and designs are still being drafted. The completed plans must be approved by IDEM. Once the expansion is approved, Ernie believes it may take longer than 5 years for everything to come to fruition.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the environmental health report passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. Open Burning Violations
 - I. Thomi said she would like to revisit getting a group of pertinent community entities together to discuss the open burning issues within the county. She would like to get a list of people and departments together that she feels is crucial to the discussion. She is also interested in possibly hosting an open burning summit to help educate the public on this ongoing issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to adjourn meeting at approximately 6:35 pm passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman Oestrike, MD
Health Officer

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