

Health Board Minutes
January 23rd, 2024
Members present in person at the Health Department and on Zoom

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Taylor Alton
Corey Frost
Judy Hess
John Kennard
Dr. Norman Oestrike, Health Officer

Board chair Thomi Elmore called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

Board Nominations for 2024:

- 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: Cindy Rose
ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from November 21st, 2023

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the minutes from the November 21st meeting passed unanimously.

Health Officer- Dr. Norman Oestrike

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the Health Officer's report for January through December 2024 passed unanimously.

Front Office- Judy Hess and Taylor Alton – Report Mailed

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

Emergency Preparedness-Corey Frost– Report Mailed

- a. Mobile Clinic
 - I. Cathy Rountree inquired about the mobile clinic discussed in Corey's report. Corey Frost said that the state has a mobile unit that travels within district 8 performing vaccinations. They visit the EMS base roughly once a month.
- b. Solar Eclipse Day-April 8th, 2024
 - II. Corey stated they are preparing for the solar eclipse. The county offices and schools will be closed that day to reduce traffic. A planning meeting took place on Monday, January 22nd with the town and other crucial community members to discuss a property owner wanting to place up to 40 food trucks on their property in town. A temporary special ordinance would need to be passed to make that possible. Corey said the topic is still in discussion. The next planning meeting will take place on Monday, January 29th.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to approve the emergency preparedness report passed unanimously.

Nursing- Seelah Settle – Report Mailed

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

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

New Business

- a. Community Foundation & Community Health Needs Assessment
 - I. Thomi stated that the director of the Community Foundation, Alice Susemichel, reached out to her to discuss the Health Department potentially taking ownership of the Community Health Needs Assessment project.
 - II. Corey explained that the project was initiated by Chris Henderson with I.U. Lifeline, and he believes Chris and his organization should take the lead on the project. Ultimately the decision would be made by Dr. Oestrike.
 - III. Dr. Oestrike stated that taking on a project that size would be too large of a task for the department, especially with all the new programs and requirements that were set with the Health First Indiana program this year. He agreed that the department should act as a stakeholder, providing any information or assistance the foundation may need to complete the project.
 - IV. Cathy clarified that she believes the Community Foundation just wants the Health Department to be involved in the conversations regarding the assessment. Dr. Oestrike said he would contact Alice to discuss the Health Department’s involvement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion to adjourn meeting at approximately 5:45 pm passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman Oestrike, MD
Health Officer

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