

Health Board Minutes

September 17, 2024

Members Present:

Thomi G. Elmore, Chair

James Zimmerly

Michael Day

Cythia S. Rose

Linda S. Bauer

Catherine Roundtree

Thomas J. Martin

Staff Present:

Norman Oestrike, M.D.

Melissa Stinson-Waddell

Addison Volbrecht

Seleah Settles

Jennifer Heller

Ernie Reed

Guest Speaker:

Jonathon Dauterman

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Jonathon Dauterman

- a. Brown County Recovery and Wellness Coalition
 - I. Jonathon Dauterman and Catherine Roundtree announced the number of overdose and suicides in Brown County from 2016-2023.
 - II. Individuals within the county that commit crimes related to substance abuse, a portion of the fees is donated to the Recovery and Wellness coalition to help address the issue with substance use.
 - III. The Recovery and wellness coalition has made it possible for people to find ways for treatment such as naloxboxes, treatment guides and overdose awareness day.
 - IV. They are also working on improving knowledge of law enforcement along with MRT and Motivational Incentives programs.

Approval of Minutes from July 16th, 2024

Minutes were read and approved by all members present. Michael day made a motion to approve the minutes. Thomi Elmore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Officer's Report – Dr. Norman Oestrike

Dr. Oestrike talks about how we have the highest suicide rate in the county of Indiana and above national average. County Council requested for the Health Department to donate money for the clinic to donate to Center Stone for them to hire two full-time employees for mental health. Dr. Oestrike states this money was donated to build a clinic in the county and it will not be given away.

Front Office – Melissa Stinson- Waddell and Addison Volbrecht

Melissa reports that the front office has been attending conferences, learning all the things the front office does. She mentions how the County has dropped its old septic ordinance and will be needing to adopt State code. She also mentions needing a new EHS hires and a new job description to hire someone without an education higher than a high school diploma. Catherine Roundtree made a motion to approve. Michael day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa also spoke about adding fees to Air B&Bs to cover one of the salaries with all the testing and inspections that need to be done. She also mentions that John, Ernie & Jen need raises.

Emergency Preparedness – Corey frost – Report Mailed

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Approve the Emergency Preparedness report passed unanimously.

Nursing – Seleah Settles – Report Mailed

Seleah talks about the new hire Sherri Rice starting October 7th. She also mentions all the events, meetings, and conferences the nursing division has attended along with spreading the word on Facebook.

Environmental Health – Jennifer Heller – Report Mailed

Jen speaks about the Pittsburg conference that she attended in Pittsburg. She's working with Doctor Eduardo from IU College on testing for salmonella and working with recently

graduated students. She's also doing a mentoring program through Moha in Pennsylvania over environmental health.

Environmental Health – Ernie Reed – Report Mailed

Ernie talks about the illegal burn on Beech Tree Rd, the previous owner has been deceased for 5 years. Someone is paying property taxes but there are squatters living in the house. The house has an order to vacate 4 Officers evicted them September 13th and they were back by September 16. Ernie states he is working on getting a court order to have them arrested if they come back on the property again.

Roll Call Vote: James Zimmerly motion to adjourn meeting at approximately 6:30 pm. Cynthia Rose seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman Oestrike MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "N", "O", and "M" being particularly prominent.

Norman Oestrike, MD

Health
Officer