

MINUTES

January 10, 2022 ~ Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Dr. Leighty
Dr. Renfroe
Dr. Ihrke
Brandy Swanner
Dr. Pearson
Dr. Bragg

Members Absent

Kathy Glickfield

Staff Present

Dr. Moore
David Glickfield
Tara Street

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm

Approval of Minutes

November 15, 2021 minutes were approved as written.

Division Reports

Reports from the Environmental, Foods, Nursing and Vital Records divisions were presented.

Dr. Moore shared information regarding a planned meeting with himself, staff and officials from the city of Marion, health department staff and a representative from the Commissioners office to address poor housing and landlord/tenant concerns of a city councilwoman that were aired on social media.

Dr. Renfroe noted great concern at the suicide and fatal overdose rates our community are experiencing. Dr. Renfroe would like to collaborate with outside agencies and try to find a way to address the issues. David Glickfield shared his experience as a public defender and active stakeholder in Grant County drug court stating he believes Grant County has excellent programs available for individuals once they are in the criminal justice system and he suggested the board focus their efforts on helping drug users/addicts before they reach the criminal justice system. The matter was tabled with great intent to follow up and find a way to help.

After much discussion Dr. Renfroe motioned to approve the division reports into record, 2nd by Dr. Pearson, unanimous approval.

Old Business

- a. Matthews complaint/lawsuit update: A February 22nd, 2022 court date has been set in order to obtain an order to comply.

New Business

- a. Election of Officers: Dr. Renfroe nominated Dr. Leighty for President, 2nd by Dr. Ihrke, unanimous agreeance. Dr. Bragg nominated Dr. Pearson for Vice President, 2nd by Dr. Ihrke, unanimous agreeance.
- b. COVID-19 updates: Dr. Moore shared the community is experiencing growing fatigue stating, "people are just tired". Dr Moore also said the COVID death rate is creeping up with 80% of the total deaths being unvaccinated and that the DELTA variant is causing serious illness. The health department continues to offer vaccination and testing.

- c. Annual Health Officer Evaluation: Dr. Ihrke will head the committee which included Dr. Pearson and Brandy Swanner to complete Dr. Moore's evaluation. An Executive Session will be held following the March meeting to review the results.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

Next regular meeting March 21, 2022

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street