

MINUTES

December 16, 2019 Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Dr. Ihrke
Dr. Renfroe
Chuck Poling
Dr. Miller
Dr. Pearson
Dr. Leighty

Members Absent

Charles Choate

Staff Present

Dr. Moore Tara Street
Dale Carr Dean Small
Peggy Bradley Jeff Couch
Amber Turner Diedre Hamilton
David Glickfield

Meeting called to order at 5pm.

Dr. Renfroe was reappointed by the Mayor for a four year term.

Approval of Minutes

September 23, 2019 minutes were approved as written.

Vital Records Report

The Vital Records report was presented. The recently adopted disposition of fetal remains legislation was discussed.

Foods Division Report

The Foods Division report was presented. Dale Carr stated approximately 50% of 2020 food license renewals have been processed. Complaints made to the Foods Division will be tracked in greater detail in 2020.

Nursing Division Report

The Nursing Division report was presented by Amber Turner. Amber shared the division plans to explore the lack of participation in the STI clinic and harm reduction for 2020. The two areas being looked at for harm reduction are:

- Harm reduction kits which contain a band-aid, gauze, sterile water, tourniquet, cotton, cooker, straw, condom and a mint.
- Providing Narcan (the nasal form of Naloxone) to the citizens of Grant County. Some training would be required before an individual could obtain a Narcan kit.

Both are provided by the CDC at no cost the Grant County.

Amber also stated all three nurses will be trained in order for the Nursing Division to begin HIV and Hepatitis testing by buccal swabs as the agency being used in the past will no longer service Grant County.

Environmental Division Report

Peggy Bradley presented the Environmental Division report. Dr. Renfroe inquired about the two problem sites previously reported to the board. Both are currently in litigation.

New Business

- Jeff Couch and Peggy Bradley gave a slide presentation “On-Site Septic Systems and the Grant County Health Department”. An educational presentation on the components of a septic system as well as detailed information about flood dosed and gravity fed systems. Board member Chuck Poling added his insight on causes of and remedies for septic system failures to the discussion.
- 2020 Health Board meetings were set for February 10th, April 20th, June 15th, August 17th, October 19th and December 14th.
- Dr. Moore shared his vision for 2020. He would like to focus on two areas close to his heart which are harm reduction and generational poverty. Grant County is no longer one of the leaders in the state for overdose deaths. Dr. Moore believes this is a direct result of Narcan. He would like to continue pursuing the distribution of Narcan and have harm reduction kits readily available to the public. Dr. Moore would also like to dig deeper into the role of drugs use in relation to generational poverty and look for a way to make birth control more available to the youth of our community.

Old Business

- No old business

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm

Next meeting February 10th, 2020

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street