

# MINUTES

March 21, 2022 ~ Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

## Members Present

Dr. Ihrke  
Dr. Pearson  
Dr. Renfroe  
Brandy Swanner

## Members Absent

Dr. Bragg  
Kathy Glickfield  
Dr. Leighty

## Staff Present

Dr. Moore  
Tara Street

Meeting called to order at 5:12 pm

## Approval of Minutes

January 10, 2022 minutes were approved as written.

## Division Reports

Reports were presented from the Foods Division, Environmental Division, Nursing Division, Vital Records as well as a financial report. After brief discussion Dr. Ihrke motioned to accept the reports into record, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Renfroe, unanimous agreeance.

## Old Business

- a) Matthews complaint – update: a hearing is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- b) 2021 Fatal drug overdose and suicide rate – planning a health department response: Dr. Moore informed the health department is looking to work with Marion Health in their community outreach program and investigating how we, as a health department, can coordinate our efforts to make a difference in the community.
- c) COVID-19 update: Dr. Moore stated Grant County is currently in a very good place with the number of COVID positive cases and/or deaths. The health department will remain mindful of a potential surge due to mutation.

## New Business

No new business

**Stephen Dorsey, Grant County Coroner**, shared data and insight regarding the alarming rates of suicides and fatal drug overdoses in Grant County. Dorsey stated the rates are comparable with communities nationwide citing the pandemic as being tied to the rise in numbers with middle aged caucasian males being the most common denominator. Mr. Dorsey also believes Fentanyl to be a major contributor to these fatalities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Next regular meeting May 16, 2022

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street