

MINUTES

March 24th , 2025 ~ Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Dr. Bragg
Dr. Hoeksema
Dr. Ihrke
Brandy Poling
Sarah Seward

Members Absent

Kathy Glickfield
Dr. Pearson

Health Department Staff Present

Dr. Woods
Tara Street

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for January 27, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Division Reports

Division Reports were briefly discussed and unanimously accepted into record as submitted.

Health Officer Comments

Dr. Woods addressed the 2024 Annual Report stating her pride in the excellent work demonstrated by Health Department staff as she touching briefly on successes in each division. Accomplishments resulting from HFI funding were also cited; Additional staff members and the services they provide our citizens, community partnerships in the form of programs and education were also noted.

Dr. Woods shared a concern that was brought to her attention, in that MOUs should receive board approval prior to being presented to the Commissioners. After some discussion Dr. Bragg motioned “all MOU’s are to be presented to board members for review and approval, prior to being presented to the Commissioners, at a regularly scheduled meeting or via email and to be ratified at the next Health Board meeting”. Dr. Hoeksema stated “I like this idea as it allows us to show that we are behind you in your vision” and further clarified that prior board approval provides the opportunity to show support for the programs or initiatives being presented and not to supersede the autonomy given Dr. Woods in her role as Health Officer. Sarah Seward liked the idea stating it provided the board the information and allows them to speak to the programs as well. Motion 2nd by Dr. Hoeksema, board unanimously approved the motion.

Old Business

- A. No old business

New Business

- A. An MOU between the Grant County YMCA and the Grant County Health Department was presented. Dr. Woods said the YMCA has a new CEO, Adam Myers, who is very energetic and motivated for the children and adults of Grant County. Mr. Myers has presented a proposal for programming and initiatives specifically targeting child and adolescent health and wellness initiatives focused on developing lifestyles of and providing education regarding physical fitness, physical activity, healthy food choices and preparation skills as well as a program

focused on fall risk assessment and prevention in adults with ongoing medical conditions placing them at greater risk for falling and subsequent morbidity. GCHD would like to support this programming. Dr. Ihrke motioned to approve the MOU as written, 2nd by Dr. Bragg, unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm

Next regular meeting May 19, 2025

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street