

# MINUTES

May 15, 2023 ~ Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

## Members Present

Dr. Bragg  
Kathy Glickfield  
Dr. Pearson  
Brandy Poling  
Sarah Seward

## Members Absent

Dr. Ihrke  
Dr. Renfroe

## Staff Present

Tara Street  
David Glickfield  
Morgan Lee

Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm

## Approval of Minutes

March 20, 2023 minutes were approved as written.

## Division Reports

Reports from the Environmental, Foods, Nursing and Vital Records divisions were discussed and accepted into record as submitted.

## Old Business

### **a) Local Public Health Services Fund**

A question/answer discussion was held after which Dr. Bragg motioned to Opt-In to the Local Public Health Services Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Pearson, vote 4 yea 1 abstention. Matter will move to the Commissioners Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

### **a) HEA 1457**

Morgan Lee, Registrar, reported recently passed House Enrolled Act 1457 allows local health departments to issue certificates of birth, death and stillbirth from the DRIVE system regardless of where in Indiana the event occurred. Morgan explained there is currently question about the integrity of birth records in DRIVE and therefor would not recommend issuing out of county birth records from DRIVE at this time. It is believed death records filed after the inception of DRIVE are accurate. Sarah Seward motioned effective July 1, 2021 death certificates posted in DRIVE from January 1, 2021 to present will be issued. Brandy Poling 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

### **b) 2024 Budget(s)**

Opt-in and Opt-out 2024 budgets were discussed. Dr. Bragg motioned to approve the budgets as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Pearson, motion passed unanimously.

### **c) SEA 4 – Changes to Local Boards of Health & HEA 1402 On-Site Sewage Disposal**

Changes in the appointment structure for local health boards were discussed.

### **d) Health Officer Appointment**

An advertisement for the Health Officer position will be prepared and sent to HR in order to begin the process for hiring a permanent Health Officer.

### **e) Dr Ihrke E-mail**

An e-mail communication from Dr. Ihrke offering her resignation as her schedule would cause her to miss three consecutive meetings was discussed. Dr. Pearson will contact Dr. Ihrke and share the boards intent to excuse the absences.

**Public Comments**

Steve Wright, Grant County Commissioner, voiced his appreciation to the board members for their time and dedication in serving on the health board. Mr. Wright also stated he would be meeting with Tara to tour the current health department office space and begin discussion about future location options.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Next regular meeting July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street