

MINUTES

November 13, 2023 ~ Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Dr. Bragg
Kathy Glickfield
Dr. Ihrke
Dr. Pearson
Dr. Renfroe
Sarah Seward

Members Absent

Brandy Poling

Staff Present

Dr. Woods
David Glickfield
Tara Street
Jeff Couch
Cassie Leech

Meeting called to order at 5:07pm

Approval of Minutes

October 2nd minutes were approved as written.

Division Reports

Division reports were read, discussed and approved into record as submitted.

Health Officer Comments

Dr. Woods shared the first two months of her appointment have been busy with learning the functions of the Health Department and getting to know the staff. She will be attending Public Health Boot Camp in November and is looking forward to discussing the Health First Indiana funding and receiving input from the board.

Old Business

- a) Recent hire Cassie Leech was introduced in her role as EHS. Cassie will pursue her IOWPA certification and Certified Pool Operator training when available.
- b) Revisions to the On-Site Septic Ordinance were discussed. IDOH is requiring amendments to local ordinances and approval by an Oversight Committee. A final, revised proposed ordinance will be presented at the January 22nd meeting.
- c) The housing complaint discussed with the board at the October meeting has been remedied. While the building involved still has issues there are no complaints on file at this time.

New Business

- a) Proposed revisions to the current Tattoo & Body Piercing Ordinance were discussed. Matter was tabled to January 22nd meeting to allow board time to review current ordinance vs. proposed ordinance.
- b) Proposed revisions to the Grant County Fee Ordinance were discussed including the removal of fees under (2) Nursing Services for services no longer provided, under (4) Environmental Health Services the addition of a Septic Permit Application Fee and Holding Tank Annual Permit fee, enforcement fees for public and semi/public pools, increases in tattoo/body piercing establishment and license fees as well as the addition of penalty fees for tattoo/body piercing establishments and artists in violation. Sarah Seward motioned to approve the Grant County

Health Department Fee Ordinance (after minor corrections), 2nd by Dr. Bragg, unanimous approval. Proposed ordinance will be referred to the Grant County Commissioners for adoption.

c) Health First Indiana funding was discussed. Dr. Woods expressed specific concern for the high rate of suicide and overdose deaths stating mental health needs are of great concern for Grant County. Chronic disease management, specifically diabetes & obesity management were also areas of noted concern. Dr. Woods inquired if members of the board have specific areas of interest or concern. Mentioned were:

- Maternal mental health – providing scholarships for an educational program to our local providers.
- Radiant Health and the services they provide.
- Diabetesity – providing scholarships for this educational training provided by the Cleveland Clinic.
- Establishing a Health Walkers program partnering with several community business i.e., the Wellness Center, YMCA, Taylor University and funding the ability for citizens to walk at their facility.
- Bridges to Health to specifically support the Recovery Program
- Purdue Extension educational programs – funding the cost of the Living with Diabetes classes for citizens in need.
- Working with Marion Health and the Community Needs Assessment to assure with are working with/along side and not duplicating programs.

Proposals will be formalized and presented at the January 22nd meeting.

Dr. Ihrke noted this will be the last meeting with Dr. Renfro as a member of the board as he has declined reappointment to focus on his professional obligations. Appreciation was voiced for the many years of dedication and service Dr. Renfro has gifted the Grant County Health Board and the citizens of Grant County.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm

Next regular meeting January 22, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street