**Porter County Board of Health**

Tuesday February 5, 2019

155 Indiana Avenue, Room 102A

Valparaiso, Indiana

All Board members were in attendance for the meeting. Chairman Moeller called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 2018 meeting was made by Kathy Lemmon and seconded by Dr. Gasper. Motion carried.

Announcements: Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 5, 2019.

**New Business**: Attorney Dave Hollenbeck entertained a motion for chairperson for the Porter County Board of Health for calendar year 2019. Elizabeth Forbes made the motion for Martin Moeller to remain chairperson and Donna Werner seconded the motion. Kathy Lemmon moved the nominations be closed, Elizabeth Forbes seconded. Motioned carried (Record to reflect that the Board voted unanimously)

Attorney Dave Hollenbeck entertained a motion for vice chairperson for the Porter County Board of Health for calendar year 2019. Donna Werner nominates Elizabeth Forbes. Kathy Lemmon motioned to close the nominations, Suzanne Phelps second. Motion carried. (Record to reflect that the Board voted unanimously.)

**Old Business**: Attorney Dave Hollenbeck commented Dr. Forchetti term ended on January 1, 2019. Attention needs to be directed toward replacing Dr. Forchetti. Dr. Stamp, Dave Hollenbeck and Martin Moeller will begin the vetting process and make recommendations to the Board.

**Claims and Receipts**: A motion to accept the claims and receipts for the months of December was made by Elizabeth Forbes and seconded by Kathy Lemmon. Motion carried.

**Reports**:

Nursing-Connie stated her annual report will be coming soon. She discussed her and Dr. Stamps meeting with the judges on Jan. 15, 2019 to discuss the Antabuse Program. We are hoping more clients begin coming our way.

Foods- Sheila stated we have +/-6 establishments who have not yet paid for the 2019 Annual Food Permit. Chairman Moeller asked if Pav’s in Hebron is working with the Health Department to eliminate the pest infestation. Sheila reported the restaurant remained closed for a week working with a licensed pest operator. The owners have done everything asked and were allowed to re-open. Discussion ensued regarding posting of food establishment inspections. Sheila will present options for online posting this year.

Vital Records- Chairman Martin Moeller let the board know the office was closed for two days due to weather. There was an issue accessing the vault after the weather closure due to one member of the staff having car trouble and the other out on leave. The entire staff pulled together to gain access to the vault and process all vital records back log of work. Everything was running smoothly again just after lunch.

Environmental-Letty discussed a new hoarding case in Kouts. The home has no heat, pest infestation and in general disarray; the owner has been removed from the home and is not allowed to return. Chairperson Moeller asked about the hoarding case in Portage. Letty reported the home owner has been moved to a nursing home. Dr. Stamp brought up the Quality Inn in Portage with the ongoing mold issue. Tony discovered the owners have not been doing the repairs as initially agreed upon and unlicensed contractors have been doing the work. Mold within the walls was covered up rather than remediated. A new licensed contractor is now in place and working on the issue. The first floor is fine and they are allowed to remain open with guests on that floor only.

Dr. Stamp recounted the meeting with the Porter County Judges regarding the Antabuse program. It was a productive meeting and a good refresher for the judges. Dr. Stamp discussed the possibility of introducing Naloxone (oral) to our program. There are some dosing issues that make it difficult for the Health Department to administer this drug. Connie and Letty also met with Porter County’s new prosecutor, it is hopeful his support leads to more clients for the Antabuse Program. Connie and Letty were invited to participate in the State Department of Health’s Advisory Council. Only select local health departments were asked to be a part of the committee. The committee was designed to increase commination between local and state health departments. Dr. Stamp announced the Health Department office manager abruptly resigned two weeks prior. The whole department has chipped in to fill the void. The job will be posted internally and externally soon. The position does not require a bachelor degree.

**Board Member’s Discussion:**

Chairman Moeller asked if the Rosati’s sink issue had been resolved. Sheila stated they relocated the pizza warmer to eliminate the need for an additional hand washing sink.

Dr. Gasper discussed the lack of fluoridation in non-municipal water supplies. He believes it would be good for the Health Department to provide fluoride treatments to members of the public in need. Dr. Stamp stated this is something that could be done in conjunction with other services provided by the Health Department. More research will be done on adding this program.

Meeting adjourned.