Porter County Board of Health

Tuesday July 2, 2019

Room 102A

All Board Members except Derek Gasper 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 June 4, 2019 meeting was made by Suzanne Phelps and seconded by Kathy Lemmon. Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 6, 2019.

**New Business:** Letty introduced John Pisowicz for the Emergency Preparedness position that is funded by the state. The grant has set deliverables that must be completed and the money is released from the state as long as the tasks are being done. Committee who handled the interviews recommends that the board approves independent contractor position based on funding. Board would like to be on recall roster so they know about any exercises that are planned and emergency situations. Dave is working on contractor agreement with deliverables for John. A motion to accept was made by Elizabeth Forbes and seconded by Kathy Lemmon. Motion carried.

Software for Environmental will no longer be supported starting in October. Staff is looking at vendors to upgrade Environmental to the same type of system that Food Services currently has.

Sheila gave information on the Porter County Foundations grant – Northwest Indiana educational internship. Train someone in college who is interested in the field to do festivals and temporary events while they are on summer break. Benefits Porter County with additional help and provides training to the intern. FDA & ISDH training is also available. Sheila is currently seeking approval for Carrie to apply for grant that would start next summer. A motion to submit was made by Dr. Patrick Fleming and seconded by Kathy Lemmon. Motion carried.

Connie spoke about the grants that the Health Department receives. In 2018 we received $249,528.14. Last year we received 494 narcan kits that were disbursed to families, schools, mental health agencies, churches, homeless shelters and police departments along with training on how to use. For 2019 we received 208 additional kits.

On June 27th we offered free HIV testing. We did two tests that day. Nursing also does HIV testing at the Jail, the JDC and they are available at the office. We have had 1 test positive this year.

Drug overdoses on the list for Vital Records. Kris will contact the Coroner’s office to try to obtain additional information.

Porter Regional is no longer taking our sharps. We now have a company picking up the containers and it is paid for through the immunization grant.

Emergency phone number wasn’t working and we could not use previous number. We purchased a cheap flip phone and prepaid minutes. Letty will email the phone number to the Board. The phone will be passed to all supervisors and the next in line for each area.

**Old Business:** Letty, Tony went to Youngjohn location due to complaints from neighbors. No running water, structural issues, human and pet feces throughout house. His two caregivers are taking advantage of Mr. Youngjohn. We are working with Animal Control to take the dog. Adult Protective Services and the Sheriff department are also involved. Sign posted on premises as unfit for human habitation and gave 10 days to repair or vacate. Meeting scheduled with Adult Protective Services. Tony is also working with children who live out of the area.

**Claims & Receipts:** A motion to accept the claims and receipts for the month of May was made by Donna Werner and seconded by Suzanne Phelps. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.