

MINUTES AND MEMORANDA
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
February 15, 2023
Regular Meeting

Present at the Meeting:

John Linn, PE	President
Michelle Migliore, DO	Vice President
Heidi Beidinger-Burnett, PhD, MPH	Member
Ellen Reilander, JD	Member
Kristin Vincent, MSN	Member
Robert Hays, MD	Member

Also Present at the Meeting:

Mark D. Fox, MD, PhD, MPH	Deputy Health Officer
Jennifer S. Parcell	Executive Administrative Assistant
Amy Ruppe	Administrator
Robin Vida	Director of Health Outreach Promotion and Education (HOPE)
Brett Davis	Assistant Director of Environmental Health
Jodie Pairitz	Director of Nursing
Carolyn Smith	Food Services Director
Ericka Tijerina	Vital Records Director
Harry Gilbride	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Mark Espich	Director of Environmental Health
Denise Kingsberry	Vital Records Assistant Director
Karen Teague	Assistant Director Food Services - Zoom
Taylor Coats	Assistant Director Health Equity
LaShawna Love	Community Health Worker
Melissa Elisstche	Community Health Worker
Sally Dixon	MIH Coordinator
Dominique Quatararo	Public Health Associate
Marcellus Lebbin, JD	Department of Health Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, & NOMINATIONS

Attorney Lebbin called the February 15, 2023, regular Board of Health meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked for nominations for Board of Health President and Vice President.

There was a motion by Attorney Reilander, seconded by Dr. Beidinger, for Mr. Linn to be president and Dr. Migliore to be vice president; the motion was unanimously approved.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion made by Dr. Migliore and seconded by Dr. Beidinger, the agenda was put to the Board. The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes was sought. Upon motion by Dr. Migliore, seconded by Dr. Beidinger, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Approval of the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes was sought. Discussion was had and with the addition of naming Kristin Vincent as the new Board Member, upon motion by Dr. Migliore and seconded by Dr. Beidinger, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Linn introduced Dr. Hays and had each of the Board members, Dr. Fox, and Attorney Lebbin give a short introduction about themselves so that Dr. Hays was familiar with everyone.

Mr. Linn then thanked Dr. Marker for his service on the Board.

Mr. Linn also thanked Dr. Einterz for his service as Health Officer, noting that Dr. Einterz's resignation was accepted and that there would be a search to find a new Health Officer.

Finally, Mr. Linn stated that the review of the Governor's report had been slowed with Dr. Einterz's resignation and end-of-March departure. Mr. Linn asked if every member would review the report.

V. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Fox noted that Dr. Einterz was taking some time off and directed the Board to the written report. Dr. Fox clarified some numbers in the report and asked for questions. Discussion followed and more data on the community health workers was requested.

Dr. Beidinger then inquired about the status of grant approval and discussion followed regarding the vector program, fetal infant mortality review, and birth equity. Discussion followed on the status of the grants and the programs they are used to fund. Ms. Dixon agreed to send slides

to the members regarding presentations by the Department. The level of school outreach at various school systems associated with grant funds was discussed, with Dr. Fox providing some insight into the programing.

Mr. Linn then inquired about software implementation for food inspections and Ms. Smith responded that it is an ongoing process and implementation will be countywide.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Linn gave an updated on the personnel committee. The meetings were originally organized by Dr. Marker. Any potential candidates for health officer were asked to apply. Anyone who knew potential candidates was asked to reach out and provide information so the committee could follow up on leads.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Reilander made a motion for the personnel committee to consist of Mr. Linn, Attorney Reilander, Dr. Hays, and Dr. Migliore. The motion was unanimously approved.

Attorney Reilander made a motion that the appeals committee consist of Mr. Linn, Dr. Migliore, and Attorney Reilander. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. BOARD NOTIFICATIONS

Personnel changes were noted.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Taylor Coats supports the Board being an advocate for the community.

Olivia Schreider expressed her support for the maternal health initiative.

Cynthia Heckman Davis supports more funding for healthcare even if it results in a loss of autonomy.

Karen Davis supports black mothers and helping them overcome the obstacles they face when having a child.

Marla Godette spoke in favor of equity.

Marlyn Gachaw is in favor of more diversity.

X. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

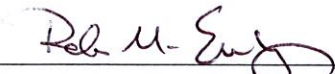
The next regular meeting of the St. Joseph County Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., at the County-City Building.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

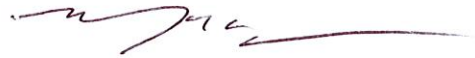
This meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. upon motion of Dr. Migliore, seconded by Attorney Reilander, which passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Einterz, M.D.
St. Joseph County Health Officer



Marcellus Lebbin, Esq.
Health Department Attorney