

MINUTES AND MEMORANDA
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
May 18, 2022
Regular Meeting

Present at the Meeting:

Heidi Beidinger-Burnett, PhD, MPH	President
Jason Marker, M.D.	Vice President
Ilana T. Kirsch, M.D., FACOG	Member
Michelle Migliore, D.O.	Member
John Linn, P.E.	Member
Ellen Reilander, J.D.	Member

Also Present at the Meeting:

Robert M. Einterz, M.D.	Health Officer
Mark D. Fox, MD, PhD, MPH	Deputy Health Officer
Jennifer S. Parcell	Executive Administrative Asst.
Amy Ruppe	Administrator
Robin Vida	Director Health Outreach Promotion and Education (HOPE)
Mark Espich	Director - Environmental Health
Cassy White	Director – Health Equity, Epidemiology, and Data (HEED)
Harry Gilbride	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Sally Dixon	MIH Coordinator
Ericka Tijerina	Director of Vital Records
Carolyn Smith	Director of Food Services
Marcellus Lebbin, J.D.	Department of Health Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, & NOMINATIONS

Board President, Dr. Beidinger, called the May 18, 2022, regular Board of Health meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion made by Dr. Marker, seconded by Mr. Linn, and unanimously approved, the agenda for the May 18, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Health was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion made by Dr. Marker, seconded by Mr. Linn, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 20, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Health were approved.

IV. BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Beidinger announced that four (4) potential candidates for the open seat on the Board were sent to the Commissioners.

V. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Einterz noted the written report that was circulated and asked if there were any questions. Dr. Einterz stated that the number of animal bites should have been 13 and not 130. He then elaborated on the lead testing program and a discussion was had about the success of testing via parent opt in at schools.

Dr. Kirsch asked about the increase in sexually transmitted diseases in the past year and the contract tracing that is done. Dr. Einterz responded that the State of Indiana has contracted with a private company in the County and the Department does not do the contact tracing. A discussion was had on how the State of Indiana's contact tracing program works.

Dr. Marker inquired about an increase in abatement letters and garbage complaints. Dr. Einterz responded that the complaints are logged as they come in. The letters are a result of an increase in staff, the Department had been short with the pandemic.

Dr. Marker asked if the subsurface equipment was being utilized. Mr. Espich gave a summary of how it is used and the benefits it is providing to the Department of Health.

Attorney Reilander asked about COVID testing and opportunities for health assessments when tests are given. Dr. Einterz responded the Department of Health does utilize those opportunities and outlined how those opportunities are utilized.

VI. DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

There was nothing to report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ruppe gave a presentation on the historical budget, actual numbers from the past few years, and projections going forward. Dr. Einterz noted the importance of grants and a discussion of their impact on the budget followed.

Ms. Dixon gave a presentation on the Birth Equity Report. Attorney Reilander followed up with questions on funding for the project and Dr. Kirsch inquired as to the communication on the data from the Department of Health to physicians. Discussion was had on both topics.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

IX. BOARD NOTIFICATIONS

Personnel changes were noted.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Cynthia Heckman Davis supported the efforts on the Department's birth equity work.

Marla Godette supported the efforts on the Department's birth equity work.

Marilyn Guchaw supported the efforts on the Department's birth equity work.

XI. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

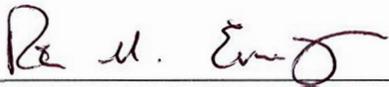
The next regular meeting of the St. Joseph County Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., at the County-City Building.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted,



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



Marcellus Lebbin, Esq.
Health Department Attorney

Full zoom video of meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKQeTROhzKQ>