

MINUTES AND MEMORANDA
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
November 16, 2022
Regular Meeting

Present at the Meeting:

Heidi Beidinger-Burnett, PhD, MPH	President
Jason Marker, MD	Vice President
John Linn, P.E.	Member
Ellen Reilander, J.D.	Member
Theresa Cruthird, MD	Member
Michelle Migliore, D.O.	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) - Zoom
Jodie Pairitz	Director of Nursing – Zoom
Carolyn Smith	Food Services Director
Erica Tijerina	Vital Records Director
Harry Gilbride	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Sally Dixon	MIH Coordinator
Mark Espich	Director Environmental Health
Dominique Quartararo	Public Health Associate
Marcellus Lebbin, J.D.	Department of Health Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, & NOMINATIONS

Board President, Dr. Beidinger, called the November 16, 2022, regular Board of Health meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion made by Mr. Linn and Seconded by Dr. Marker, the agenda was put to the Board. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion made by Dr. Marker, seconded by Dr. Migliore the minutes for the October 19, 2022 regular meeting were put to the Board. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The seminar on lead given by the Department of Health, Beacon, and the University of Notre Dame was noted.

V. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Einterz directed the Board to the written report. He then noted that the increased cases of COVID and cases of monkeypox continue to be an issue which the Department is following and working to address. Travelers from Uganda to St. Joseph County are being tracked to make sure they are not carrying Ebola.

Dr. Marker then noted the increased number of vaccines given in October. Dr. Einterz responded that the vaccine clinic is better staffed and a discussion followed regarding the return of vaccination levels to those prior to the pandemic. This led to discussion regarding the reporting of vaccination levels in schools and partnering with school systems to provide vaccination clinics in schools.

Dr. Beidinger then led a discussion on the data regarding the community health workers that included the lack of prenatal care at the Woman's Care Center, insurance issues, the need for utilities, and how the community health workers are assisting with these needs.

Mr. Linn then inquired as to the South Bend Range site. Mr. Espich gave an update on the cleanup work that is being done with the EPA, IDEM, and the Department of Health. Mr. Espich noted there is additional testing needed to determine if there has been any impact. That testing will occur after the initial removal of materials.

Mr. Linn then thanked the Department staff for the media report and links.

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

There was nothing to report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. BOARD NOTIFICATIONS

Personnel changes were noted.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Friedland thanked the Department for its work on setting up a mental health crisis center.

Ken Smith thanked the Department for its work and spoke against the politicization of the Department.

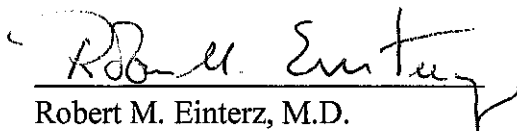
X. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting of the St. Joseph County Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., at the County-City Building.

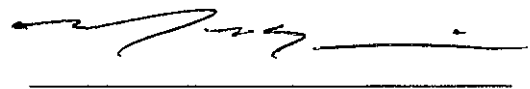
XI. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

ATTEST:


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

Respectfully submitted,


Marcellus Lebbin, Esq.
Health Department Attorney