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## **Lee County Board of Health Minutes November 16, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Dr. William Long, Dr. Saad Blaney, Emily Rose, Dr. Shailee Patel, and Katie White. Board members absent were Courtney Kennedy, Janice McCoy, and Sue Shippert. Also present at the meeting were the department's new CDC Public Health Associate Sapna Patel and health department employees Cathy Ferguson-Allen, Angel Lillpop, Lisa Wiggins, Jen Kolb, and Jenny Conderman.

Guests Present: None

President Dr. Long called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Cathy introduced the department's new CDC Public Health Associate, Sapna Patel.

The minutes for the September 13, 2022 meeting were approved following a motion by Dr. Blaney that was seconded by Dr. Patel.

### ***Public/Visitor Comments:***

None

### ***Monthly Financial Reports:***

The September & October Financial Reports and October & November Claims Registers were reviewed and approved following a motion by Katie White that was seconded by Emily Rose.

### ***Administrator's Report:***

Cathy reported:

- The IPLAN is officially approved by IDPH. Cathy has to complete a few items with our regional health officer prior to our recertification being complete. She is hoping that will be done soon.
- There have been 5 flu-related pediatric deaths in the US already this flu season; and 1300 adult deaths. Flu-related hospitalizations are the highest seen since the 2010-2011 season.
- The department will be a presenting sponsor to bring Karen Young, a mental health expert from Australia to Dixon next fall. Karen's specialty is anxiety in children; she has written several children's books. She will present a daytime workshop for providers and an evening presentation for the community. We were able to get this cost approved through our COVID crisis grant; and it fits in well with one of the IPLAN priorities-mental health.

**Division Reports:***Maternal & Child Health:*

Lisa reported: We are offering the bivalent COVID booster to children 6 through 18. Clinics weren't highly attended but we have it available during our regular immunization clinics if we receive requests. The number of APORS (Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Reporting System) reports we are receiving has increased due to maternal marijuana use. The state review for our Vaccine For Children storage and handling went extremely well. The state rep was very impressed. We also had a review of our Family Case Management program-there were a few recommendations but no findings or corrective action needed.

*Fiscal & Front Office Services:*

Angel reported that we were finally able to fill the two front office positions and both employees are doing well. She has been working with Cathy & Jen on the CLEAR to Win grant, which would provide funds to assist lower income families with lead source mitigation when children are found to have elevated blood lead levels.

*Community & Personal Health:*

Jenny stated that we are still offering adult bivalent COVID booster clinics and have had a good amount of interest. Flu clinics wrapped up this week-we offered 9 throughout the county. Our new infectious disease coordinator was hired and just started this week.

*Environmental Health:*

Jen was happy to report that KFC has been making improvements. There is new upper management and they are making good progress. Ashley and Sam from our staff have worked diligently with this facility, including providing a staff in-service. The partially burned down home in Compton has finally been taken down, eliminating the danger to children in the area.

***New Business:***

Cathy presented the FY23 budget which was discussed and approved following a motion by Dr. Blaney that was seconded by Katie White. This included setting the behavioral health funding allocations: Kreider Services-\$25,000, Sinissippi Centers-\$45,000, Whiteside County Community Health Clinic-\$8,000 for a total of \$78,000 from our levy.

Following a motion by Dr. Blaney that was seconded by Dr. Patel, the board elected officers for 2023 as follows:

**President-Dr. Long; Vice-President-Courtney Kennedy; Secretary-Katie White**

***Old Business:***

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is January 10, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Ferguson-Allen, M.P.H., Administrator