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Lee County Board of Health Minutes January 10, 2023

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Dr. William Long, Dr. Saad Blaney, Emily Rose, Sue Shippert, and Katie White. Janice McCoy joined by Zoom due to traveling for work. Board members absent were Courtney Kennedy and Dr. Shailee Patel. Also present at the meeting were health department employees Cathy Ferguson-Allen, Angel Lillpop, Lisa Wiggins and Jenny Conderman.

Guests Present: None

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

The minutes for the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved following a motion by Katie White that was seconded by Dr. Blaney.

Public/Visitor Comments:

None

Monthly Financial Reports:

The November & December Financial Reports and December & January Claims Registers were reviewed and approved following a motion by Dr. Blaney that was seconded by Sue Shippert.

Administrator's Report:

Cathy shared a thank you note from Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. for the FY23 funding allocation. Cathy reported:

- We have an intern starting next week-she is wrapping up her Master of Public Health degree. She has an interest in infectious disease so will spend some time with Jenny and Michelle, learning from and helping them. She will also be working on a presentation for staff on cultural competence in public health messaging.
- Two employees-Jen and Lois will mark 25 years with the department this year; and Cathy will mark 20.
- Cathy is interviewing for the emergency response coordinator position and has revamped the position to include time to work on our community health plan and IPLAN objectives.
- Dr. Sameer Vohra, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health will be visiting KSB and our department on March 17.

Division Reports:

Maternal & Child Health:

Lisa reported that the fluoride varnish program for clients 6-36 months of age is now resuming; and discussed the various pneumococcal vaccines. She explained that although the CDC is changing its threshold for blood lead levels to be considered high to 3.5 mg/dl, IDPH is keeping their current threshold of 5 mg/dl.

Fiscal & Front Office Services:

Angel informed the board that the county 2022 audit is starting and she has been gathering information requested by the auditors. Lois has been researching other vendors for accepting credit card payments. We've been with Prodigy for some time and new fees seem to keep popping up.

Community & Personal Health:

Jenny shared patient numbers which have risen markedly since Courtney, our Physician Assistant joined our staff. She also shared feedback from client satisfaction surveys which was very positive. All rated their visits as excellent. One patient said she felt more heard and supported during her visit than anywhere else. Dr. Blaney suggested using anonymous patient comments when advertising the program.

Environmental Health:

Cathy shared for Jen that she has been spending a fair amount of time on nuisances with the county. Now it appears a new workgroup has been formed that will look specifically at junkyard type situations. They are unsure as yet exactly how this differs from the nuisance advisory group. Jen has been researching food fees within our region. She hopes to have some proposals ready for the March board meeting. Cathy and Jen know that there was no interest by the county board over the last few years to increase food fees, but they hope now that they have cut our levy 2 consecutive years, they will understand the need to increase fees to help cover our costs.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. following a motion by Dr. Blaney that was seconded by Sue Shippert.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is March 14, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie White, Secretary