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Susan Stack, M.D., Health Officer
Lindsey Wyne, Administrator

Regular session: July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Robin Waltz, D.V.M.; Mary Kay Butler, RN; Cameron Willoughby, PharmD; Adam Faulkner; Nathan Hall, M.D.

Board members absent: Scott Murphy, M.D.; Gayle Spaulding, D.M.D

Staff members present: Susan Stack, M.D.; Lindsey Wyne; Kalyn Robison

Dr. Waltz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

I. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Butler motioned to approve of the previous minutes; Faulkner seconded. Dr. Waltz noted a few corrections and with that the minutes were approved 5-0.

II. Health Officer Remarks

The CDC has updated their website. County scorecards have been updated on the Health First Indiana website. The State has taken cancer data to show counties compared to the entire state. It shows rates of cancer and mortality from those cancers. Jefferson County is #5 for colorectal cancer incidents and #6 for lung cancer incidents. The county scorecard shows that Jefferson County has a high smoking rate which correlates with the high rank of lung cancer incidents. Billboards will likely be used to draw attention to these issues. Dr. Stack will continue to update the Board monthly.

III. Old Business

The October meeting scheduled for the 28th has been rescheduled for November 25th.

IV. New Business

A. 2nd Quarterly Reports Remarks/Questions

Dr. Stack brought up the number of septic consultations compared to the amount of field inspections and permits. There were far more consultations reported than field inspections and permits. She wondered when and how people are charged. Wyne explained consultations have no charge. Once the homeowner has an installer and an approved plan they would be charged for a permit. In the future, once Mike must drive to locations multiple times, there will be a charge, as it is in our fee schedule.

Dr. Waltz noted the low number of vaccines given to students at school clinics. She asked if that was normal. The spring clinics generally have low numbers.

Dr. Waltz asked about staffing, regarding new positions. Wyne explained that Jeannie will be retiring and has been training Julia to transition into that role. Julia's current position and the school liaison position both are grant funded. That grant has ended but there are still funds remaining. Once those funds run out, those two positions will be paid through HFI funding.

Dr. Waltz asked how the HFI funds appropriated for the Southwestern pool was being used. Wyne explained money was never appropriated for that project because there was no follow up from Southwestern.

B. Daily Cash Flow Policy

Butler asked for clarification of “administration”. “Administration” is defined as the Administrator, or Assistant Administrator. Dr. Waltz asked if reconciliation had previously been done, and it was not. Faulkner motioned to approve the Daily Cash Flow Policy; Dr. Hall seconded the motion. The Board passed the policy 5-0.

C. HFI – Women’s Health Event

The idea was brought up to recreate a women’s health event like Speaking of Women’s Health. At it’s peak, Speaking of Women’s Health had around 600 attendees. Our event wouldn’t have to be catered strictly to women’s health. Our goal would be to just bring health back to the forefront. Wyne talked with Heather Foy, who previously worked with Speaking of Women’s Health, about the feasibility of an event like this. Dr. Hall asked what exactly Speaking of Women’s Health was. It was explained that there were speakers, national and local, health screenings, and breakout sessions of specific topics. It was a free event, and attendees were gifted swag bags. After speaking with people previously involved with Speaking of Women’s, it was determined a renewed event could be beneficial if done correctly. Butler asked if there was another similar group nationally. Wyne explained she has not found a similar group nationally. After a meeting with Bethany Legacy and women previously involved with Speaking of Women’s Health regarding the funding for this event it was determined it would come from county funds. For the first year, Bethany Legacy would cover half of the funding, and we would fund the second half. It was asked if Norton’s or other hospitals had a program regarding women’s health. Norton’s does not, but they are interested in the outcome of the event. Overall, good feedback has been received for creating an event like this.

D. Rescue Boat

In a Commissioner Meeting, there was discussion of getting a rescue boat. EMA has been asking to get a rescue boat. As of now, our water rescues are done by Milton or the Coast Guard from Clarksville. We currently have no way to get someone out of the water, rescue or recovery. Staffing is undetermined right now, but this would not take any Health Department funding. It would be a good addition to the community.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

Butler motioned to adjourn, Willoughby seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Susan Stack, M.D.
Health Officer

Robin Waltz, D.V.M
Chairperson, Board of Health