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Regular session: November 25, 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.; 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

Faulkner motioned to approve of the previous minutes; Butler seconded. The minutes were approved 7-0.

II. Health Officer Remarks

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. The State released a survey in July including information on tobacco, vaping, cannabis, and secondhand smoke. 16% of deaths in Jefferson County are attributed to cancer. Of those deaths, 31% of the cancer deaths are lung cancer. This makes lung cancer the most common cancer in Jefferson County. JCHD has partnered with Hanover College to promote tobacco prevention, mainly through social media. Students are also working on a tobacco and smoking prevention graphic to be used on a billboard. Our VOICE coordinator and high school students from Southwestern set up at Walmart to raffle off a TV. If people were willing to throw away their cigarettes, they were entered into the raffle. Quit Now offered free nicotine patches. It takes two weeks to receive those from Quit Now. JCHD and other locations including, River Valley Resources, WIC, and Life Choices, in Jefferson County are partnering with Quit Now to be able to give out patches to anyone signed up to start the program immediately instead of having to wait those two weeks.

III. Old Business

A. Women's Health Conference

The Women's Health Conference is still in the works. The search for someone to lead the conference has been a hurdle, as it is a big undertaking. It was suggested to potentially reach out to surrounding counties, along with King's Daughters, to see if there was any interest from those hospitals in heading the conference.

B. OSS Ordinance

The State sent a template of the Ordinance to counties to edit to fit their county's needs. The Ordinance has been read twice and passed by Commissioners. It has been sent to the Technical Review Panel. Once they approve the Ordinance, it will be official.

IV. New Business

A. 3rd Quarterly Report Remarks/Questions

Dr. Waltz asked about the school clinics in October. Wyne explained that the fall clinics are focused on flu vaccines, however, other vaccines are available to be given if parents request them.

After reviewing the ‘Disease By Case Status’ report, Dr. Waltz asked if Lyme was still tested and reported, as there were no cases reported. Only diseases/conditions with values are reported. Animal bites in the 3rd Quarter are higher than normal at 39 versus 17 compared to last year. It is possible that bites are being reported more than usual. The fear of rabies reported in surrounding counties could be the result of more bites being reported.

Last year, Jefferson County had 5 teen mother births all age 19. This year there were 7 teen mother births, the youngest being 15 years old. Overall, there were 13 more births last year, and 22 fewer deaths this year.

Fund 1159 was overspent due to our income being down compared to last year due to the number of vaccines given and a payment from the State for vaccines given the previous year. Wyne pointed out the difference between COVID vaccine revenue by comparing this year to last year. From COVID alone, we are down \$145,000 this year. Corrections have been made and certain expenses have been moved from Fund 1156 to Fund 1161, Health First.

B. 2025 Meeting Schedule

The dates for 2025 Board Meetings are currently scheduled for January 27th, April 28th, August 18th, and November 17th.

C. 2025 Budgets

The budgets generally stay the same year to year. The Health First Indiana Budget, 1161, has more changes. Wyne reviewed the budget for Fund 1161. Several employees are fully or partially paid through this fund, including a contract employee. A partnership with the hospital could result in a Maternal Health Navigator position also funded through HFI. Life Choices would like to expand clinic hours which would require a full-time nurse. Funds have been budgeted to assist with that. Once someone is chosen to coordinate the Women’s Health Conference, their salary will be paid through 1161. The HFI budget for 2025 is larger than last year’s budget. This year we are hoping to be able to develop new programs and resources throughout the county with these funds.

D. New Position – Behavioral Health Navigator

This position would be fully funded by Bethany Legacy apart from the benefits. The benefits would be covered by JCHD. This position will help connect individuals with mental health or substance abuse resources in Jefferson County.

E. Prescription/Syringe Drop-off

This drop-off wasn’t as successful as previous drop-offs. We believe that many people have come to previous drops and just don’t have as much medication to get rid of. It was also pointed out that the Sheriff’s Office takes drop-off year-round and that could be a reason for the low turnout.

F. Website Design

The website is still being edited but should be live soon.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

Butler motioned to adjourn, Dr. Murphy seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Susan Stack, M.D.
Health Officer

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