

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting

May 12, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Hendricks County Government Center
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room
355 S Washington St.
Danville, IN 46122

The Hendricks County Board of Health met virtually via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Andrew Cougill
Ms. Debra Campbell
Mr. David Hardin
Dr. Larry Caskey
Dr. Chrystal Anderson
Mr. Brian Cobb
Mr. Bruce Dillon

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Krista Click, Environmental Health Director
Ms. Kandi Jamison, Director of Public Health Nursing
Ms. Leanna Truitt, Healthy Families Program Manager
Ms. Lisa Chandler, Team Lead, Food
Ms. Ginger Harrington, Team Lead, Septic
Ms. Micah Grim, Environmental Health Secretary

Board Members/Others Absent:

Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney
Mr. Michael Aviah, Public Health Educator

Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Andrew Cougill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Debra Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2020 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Brian Cobb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. The Board decided to sign the approved minutes at the next Health Board meeting.

Introduction of New Staff

Mr. Michael Aviah, the new full-time Public Health Educator, attended the meeting to be introduced to the Health Board.

Ms. Austi Pate, the new immunization nurse, will be introduced later.

New Business

Update on COVID-19 Response

Dr. David Stopperich discussed with the Board the actions that have been taken by the Health Department since the Executive Order was issued by Governor Holcomb in March regarding COVID-19. Early response included meeting with the hospitals, working on surge plans, ensuring hospitals had enough capacity, ventilators, ICU rooms, etc. There are plans being made for alternative care sites, if necessary, at the Avon High School or the fairgrounds. The Health Department and EMA director distributed personal protective equipment (PPE) to long term care facilities and first responders, as needed. The government building was closed to the public for about 3 weeks with all employees working remotely from home. Over the last week or so, employees have been able to return to work with social distancing in each department. Hendricks County currently has 984 cases and 68 deaths.

Approval of Nursing Policies

Ms. Debra Campbell made a motion to approve the continuation of the current nursing policies in place. Dr. Larry Caskey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

There was a slight change on The Policy for Lead Poisoning Screening and Case Management. Originally, the training would be required “annually”, it has now been changed to “as needed.” Dr. Chrystal Anderson made a motion to approve the change. Mr. Brian Cobb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) policy had the same update made. The training is now required “as needed” instead of “annually.” Dr. Larry Caskey made a motion to approve the change. Ms. Debra Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Policy for Recording Affidavits for Unfit Properties

There was a short discussion regarding the policy for recording affidavits for unfit properties. Ms. Krista Click and Mr. Eric Oliver have been in the process of creating the affidavit template. The draft will be ready for review at the next Health Board meeting.

Environmental Health Update

There was a list provided of properties that are considered unfit that would fall under the need for the affidavit.

Ms. Ginger Harrington was notified by a realtor who is in the process of helping a buyer purchase the Manbeck property.

Ms. Lisa Chandler discussed how the department has been keeping the food establishments updated as much as possible when new information is being released by Governor Holcomb. An email was sent out to all Hendricks County food establishments when the restaurants were to be closed March 17th giving employer guidelines and information regarding COVID-19. Documents were created and sent to the establishments as well giving recommendations on delivery and carry-out, touch point disinfection, and cleaning recommendations. April 7th indoor pools were required to close. April 11th, FDA best practices guidance was sent out as well. In the most recent executive order as of May 6th, restaurants were able to open at 50% capacity. Documents were sent to establishments with reopening suggestions. On May 7th, the office emailed ISDH guidelines to pool establishments with information on how to reopen properly. Pools can reopen May 24th at 50% capacity. Signage information and ISDH guidelines will be provided to them regarding social distancing and disinfection plans prior to opening.

Healthy Families Update

The rates of child abuse, neglect, domestic abuse, and substance abuse have increased since the school is no longer in session and the stay-at-home order is in effect due to the pandemic. More families have inpatient hospitalization for mental health issues. Several families have relapsed from their substance abuse as well. Healthy Families has been working closely with Community Partners for Child Safety, who received grant money to help with rent and utilities. The Governor and FSSA worked to expand the SNAP (Food Assistance), HIT and Medicaid programs, as well. WIC has also opened their guidelines allowing more families to apply for the program. Virtual family visits will continue for Healthy Families America until further notice. Tomorrow, May 13th there will be a virtual site visit from the state.

Nursing Update

Nursing applied for another Immunization Grant in March and was awarded \$127,873. This award will continue to pay the salary of an RN, administrative assistant, mileage, advertisement of education and promotion of immunizations. It will also allow us to purchase laptops for offsite use.

Due to the stay-at-home order, the clinic was closed to the public from March 23rd and reopened May 11th, by appointment only.

Health Officer Update

Dr. David Stopperich thanked the Health Board for their support and encouragement during this COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Stopperich also thanked Mr. Eric Oliver for responding to the numerous media requests.

Comments from Health Board Attorney- Mr. Eric Oliver

Mr. Eric Oliver discussed the various media requests he handled such as for Indy Star and WTHR.

Dates to Remember

May 16, 2020 Tox Away Day

Adjourn

Mr. Brian Cobb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Debra Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Debra Campbell
David Hardin
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David M. Stopperich, M.D
Health Officer and Board Secretary

Date Minutes Approved