

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting

January 9, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Hendricks County Government Center

Meeting Room 3

355 S Washington St.

Danville, IN 46122

The Hendricks County Board of Health met Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Julie Haan, Environmental Health Director
Ms. Tammy Brinkman, Director of Public Health Nursing
Ms. Leanna Truitt, Healthy Families Program Manager
Ms. Lisa Chandler, Team Lead, Food
Ms. Ginger Harrington, Team Lead, Septic

Board Members/Others Absent:

Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney
Mr. Chris Bryant, Guest

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 November 7th Board of Health meeting. Dr. Larry Caskey seconded the motion. All were in favor with one abstention. Mr. Bruce Dillon abstained because he did not attend the November 7th meeting.

Oath of Office

Mr. Eric Oliver administered the oath of office to Mr. Brian Cobb, Ms. Debra Campbell and Mr. Bruce Dillon. All had been reappointed to the Board of Health to fulfill terms January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021.

Wishes to be Heard

Mr. Chris Bryant appeared before the Board of Health with intent to brainstorm a solution for housing concerns in Hendricks County. Mr. Bryant contacted the Health Department on December 7, 2017 regarding his rental house at 539 O'Dell Street in Brownsburg. He was concerned about animals coming into the attic of the home. He stated that the animal feces and urine smell was causing his family to become ill. In addition, he was concerned about mold due to the hole in the roof and water leaking in. Mr. Bryant continued to elaborate on the terms of his lease and the financial problems that have occurred due to the landlord not taking responsibility for the issues. Attorney Eric Oliver stated that his concerns would be better off handled by a civil action lawsuit because the County does not have a housing ordinance.

Ms. Julie Haan provided the Board the complaint timeline of actions taken by the Health Department and FirstKey Homes, the management company. Ms. Haan stated that Mr. Bryant is no longer living in the home.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Ms. Haan draft a letter to FirstKey Homes requesting they provide the Health Department with a timeline indicating when repairs would be completed- no later fifteen (15) days from receipt of the letter. In addition, prior to occupancy, the property must be inspected by Health Department staff. The letter was to be signed by Dr. Stopperich.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Haan provided the Board with pool/spa data indicating the category (HOA's, hotel/motels, schools) of public and semi-public pools that require permits and the associated fees collected. The Board had requested the data in a previous meeting to determine if the permit fees collected balanced the goals of providing public health protection services and paying the actual cost of inspections. Pros and cons of increasing the pool permit fees were discussed. Mr. Dillon made a motion to increase the pool permit fees by \$50 effective January 1, 2019. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; and the motion passed.

New Business

Election of Officers

Dr. Caskey made a motion for Dr. Cougill to continue to be the Chairman of the Board of Health, and Dr. Richardson to be the Co-Chairman. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion. All were in favor; and the motion passed.

Environmental Policies

Ms. Haan provided a Memorandum that was addressed to the Health Board Members from Dr. Stopperich dated January 2, 2018. The memo requested the Board authorize the continued use of the Environmental Policies listed on the memo. Dr. Richardson made a motion that the Board authorize the continued use of the Environmental Policies. Dr. Caskey seconded the motion. All were in favor; and the motion passed.

Environmental Health

Ms. Haan informed the Board that the Body Modification Ordinance was approved that morning at the Commissioner's meeting. Ms. Haan continued by summarizing the Health Department Report for October-November 2017.

Healthy Families

Ms. Truitt reported that current statistics are great, and the Holiday Donation drive was successful. The newest member of staff, Audrie Conner, is now fully trained. Ms. Conner worked for Healthy Families for 4 years prior to her return. Ms. Truitt wanted to clarify that the Prevent Child Abuse fair was not sponsored by Healthy Families, but the Nursing division did partner with them and administered 45 flu shots that day. Ms. Truitt informed the Board that the Department of Child Services (DCS) state level director resigned recently.

Nursing

Ms. Brinkman provided the Child Health Fund financial report for October/November 2017. Receipts totaled \$22,357.48 with expenditures totaling \$17,541.98.

The Nursing division welcomes Cody Munger, who was recently hired to fill the part-time Administrative Assistant /Billing Specialist position.

The part time Public Health Nurse position on the Immunization Grant has not been filled. We are still accepting applications and hope to interview soon.

The RFP for the next immunization grant cycle beginning July 1 has been received and our proposal is due back February 12. It is a competitive grant and awards should be announced around May 1, 2018.

As of December 30, 2017, Indiana has experienced 25 influenza deaths. Influenza A (H3N2) is the predominant circulating strain in Indiana and nationwide. This strain is often associated with more severe infections and a higher rate of hospitalizations.

Ms. Tammy Brinkman announced that she is scheduled to complete an application for retirement later this month. Her retirement date will be May 1. Dr. Stopperich and Ms. Brinkman have met to discuss the future of the position and are making plans accordingly.

Health Officer

Dr. Stopperich re-emphasized the fact that the flu season is in full swing, and the vaccines provide only partial immunity. Some people that have been vaccinated and contracted the flu do not have as severe of symptoms.

Dr. Stopperich announced that Partners in Care at Hendricks Regional Health will be closing the end of January. The doctors and staff that are currently employed there have been relocated to other HRH offices and facilities. Ms. Green asked Dr. Stopperich if there are other healthcare facilities in Hendricks County that we can refer the public to. He reminded us that Hope Healthcare Services (formerly Kingsway Community Care Center) is a non-profit organization in Hendricks County that offers healthcare services for those without health insurance.

Health Board Attorney

Mr. Oliver will email his employment contract with the Hendricks County Board of Health. Nothing has changed from the prior year.

Adjourn

Prior to adjourning, Dr. Richardson wanted to clarify how disease is transmitted in raccoons (pertaining to Mr. Bryant's concerns) and further explain that the heat in the attic region would have killed any roundworm eggs.

Mr. Cobb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Dr. Caskey seconded the motion. All were in favor; and the motion passed.

Debra Campbell

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David Haudin

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Brian Cobb

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David M. Stopperich, M.D
Health Officer and Board Secretary

3-6-18

Date Minutes Approved