

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting
January 9, 2024 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 January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Andrew Cougill
Dr. Chrystal Anderson
Mr. Brian Cobb
Mr. Bruce Dillon (virtual)
Mr. David Hardin
Ms. Debi Campbell

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Krista Click, Health Department Administrator
Ms. Leanna Truitt, Program Manager of Healthy
Ms. Nicole Oppy, Public Health Nursing Team Leader
Ms. Ginger Harrington, Onsite Team Leader
Ms. Lisa Chandler, Foods Team Leader
Ms. Sharon Mayer, Environmental Health Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney

Board Members/Others Absent:

Dr. Larry Caskey
Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council Liaison
Ms. Anne Archer, Outreach Team Leader

Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Cougill called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Debi Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023, Board of Health meeting. Dr. Chrystal Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Roll call was conducted, and six were in favor, one not present (LC).

Wishes to be Heard

None presented.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Anderson, Dr. Cougill, and Dr. Caskey were up for reappointment. Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney, administered the oath of office for Dr. Anderson and Dr. Cougill.

Ms. Ginger Harrington, Onsite Team Leader, stated that the ordinance is still unfinished and has been sent to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH). It is on hold, and she feels it should be approved by IDOH before being forwarded to the Commissioners and then ultimately the state's technical review panel.

Ms. Krista Click, Health Department Administrator, mentioned that the remaining local health maintenance and trust account are being utilized for two of the positions planned in this year's Health First Indiana budget. Health First Indiana funding is replacing those two funds. Those funds will be exhausted and then the two Public Health Education Specialist positions will be supported with Health First Indiana funds. The health department is still looking at office space at a former Hendricks Regional Health facility to potentially lease in support of our

expanding team. Lindsey Tomaw, Public Health Education Specialist, has created a tracker for core services and performance goals. Furthermore, the Health First Indiana website (healthfirstindiana.com) has been updated with more information about the initiative, county health scorecard metrics, and key performance indicators.

Dr. Stopperich added that the State Health Commissioner visited the Fairgrounds with 40-50 attendees present. The department is looking for employee space and working on job descriptions. Hiring will begin in the second quarter.

New Business

Ms. Krista Click provided staff updates. Ms. Sharon Mayer, Environmental Health Secretary, will be leaving to take a position at the Morgan County Health Department. Ms. Paige Marsh, Public Health Nurse, who is presently on maternity leave with twins, will be leaving to take a position that will give her more time at home. Her position was recently posted. Ms. Susan Henry, Public Health Nurse, is expected to start maternity leave in April.

Dr. Cougill addressed the financial hardship policy and inquired as to if there were any changes. Ms. Nicole Oppy, Nursing Team Leader, stated that they deleted the section regarding family income being equal to or less than 500% of the National Poverty Level. Mr. David Hardin made a motion to approve, and Mr. Brian Cobb seconded the motion. Roll call was conducted, and six were in favor, one not present (LC). The motion was approved.

Dr. Stopperich provided a COVID update with 21 cases per day as compared to 4 cases per day in November. He added that numbers in the wastewater records are still at a record high and climbing. Six individuals are presently in Hendricks Regional Hospital with COVID with 0 in ICU. Flu numbers are on the rise with emergency room reports accounting for 3.7% of flu like illness. When this number is over 2%, it is typically considered flu season. Typically, 3-4% of emergency department visits and outpatient sites are flu visits right now. Currently H1N1 and influenza AH3 are the primary strains of what the state is seeing. The flu vaccine seems to be covering them well. Since flu season began a month ago, there have been 9 flu deaths and 30 COVID deaths in the state over the past week. Ms. Debi Campbell inquired about RSV and Dr. Stopperich said he will have some numbers at the next meeting. Dr. Cougill added that the RSV vaccine is recommended for those 60 years and older and those who have heart or lung issues.

Updates

Ms. Lisa Chandler, Foods Team Leader, updated that the Indiana Department of Health Food Protection Division has announced its intent to publish a new Food Code, 410 IAC 7-26, by this summer. The proposed code will be based on the 2022 FDA Model Code. Our current food code is based on the 2001 FDA Model Code and has not been updated since 2004. This will mean that our food ordinance will need to be updated, along with food forms we use. IDOH plans to host regional training meetings for local health departments to learn the new code and its changes.

Environmental Health Division staff kudos: Food staff completed 530 more inspections in 2023 than in 2022. This includes almost 490 more retail food inspections and 40 more temporary food inspections. There were 110 more pool inspections completed in 2023 as compared to 2022.

Ms. Harrington added that her team was sending out septic system maintenance letters. They are also conducting a record clean out utilizing a record retention schedule from the state trying to make space for new employees.

Ms. Leanna Truitt, Program Manager of Healthy Families, updated that they are still in their accreditation year for Healthy Families and Department of Child Services (DCS). DCS went through their accreditation before the holidays while Healthy Families America and Prevent Child Abuse America chose 11 other sites in the state, and Hendricks County is not one of those. Hendricks County was chosen for the last round of visits. Referrals are steady; however, there are a great deal of non-English speaking referrals. Last year DCS did increase language

service allocations for translators and interpreters. They are looking into language translating devices to be purchased for use on site by all staff.

Ms. Oppy, Public Health Nursing Team Leader, stated that the Nursing department has received their new and larger freezer in December, and they are able to store more vaccine. Regarding dates to remember, they will be participating in a community clinic with the Indiana Immunization Coalition on February 27th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds from 3p-6p. This information has been sent out to schools and daycares trying to get kids back in for immunizations after the lull around the holidays.

Mr. David Hardin asked the question as to why there was a jump up in the lead and hemoglobin numbers regarding follow-ups for November. Ms. Oppy responded that Ms. Marsh went on maternity leave, and she acquired the lead responsibilities and there could have been a difference in the style of conducting the follow-up.


Ms. Click provided an update for Ms. Anne Archer, Outreach Team Leader, that Mr. Michael Aviah, Public Health Education Specialist, is working on updating the resource guide. Ms. Lindsay Tomaw has been working on a calendar and plan for the year pertaining to our social media presence. Outreach training was conducted for the Stop the Bleed training where Mr. Jeff Corder, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator, recertified over 40 people from St. Malachy School. Ms. Anne Archer has met with community partners to brainstorm about nutrition and wellness programs as part of core services related to Health First Indiana. She will be attending a workshop this month sponsored by the Indiana Department of Health regarding maternal health and school health. We will also be receiving a shipment of approximately 1,300 COVID test kits from the State within the next 10 days.

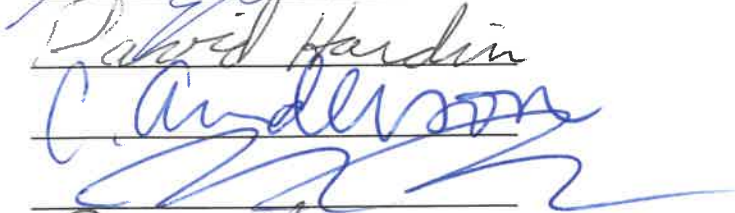
Ms. Click updated that the Commissioners appointed all three individuals who were up for reappointment. The Town of Plainfield made the recommendation for those three as well. Dr. Caskey was the official town recommendation due to the requirement of a dentist appointment. The Council decided to waive their reappointment until next year. Mr. Eric Oliver added that if feedback is provided to State legislature or the legislature service agency, they can do a clean-up bill.


Dr. Cougill was elected as Chairperson and Mr. David Hardin was elected as the Vice-Chairperson. Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Cobb seconded. Roll call was conducted, and six were in favor, one not present (LC).


Adjourn

Mr. Brian Cobb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm and the meeting was adjourned.









David M. Stopperich, M.D
Health Officer and Board Secretary
3/12/2024

Date Minutes Approved