
Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday March 15, 2016

Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy, Health Officer
Dr. Fred Philips, Chairperson
Dr. Jamie Morgan, Vice-Chairperson
Julie Newhouse- Attorney
Nurse

Bruce Levi
Dr. Craig Fenimore
Tai Morrell, NP
Dixie Meyer- Health Depart.

Sherry McKinney- Office Manager

Dr. Philips called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Last Meeting Follow-up

The Board members discussed the February minutes. There were no corrections. Bruce moved to accept the February minutes. Craig seconded. All board members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The Nursing, Environmental, Preparedness, and Outreach reports were discussed. There were no corrections. Craig moved to accept the reports, Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Boersma sent the customer surveys and performance reports and graphs, for the board to approve. The board discussed the reports and there were no corrections. Bruce moved to accept the customer surveys and performance reports. Jamie seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Steussy went over the Quality Improvement Committee report. She stated how impressed she was on how smoothly the Health Department is running. She discussed the goals of the Health Department, such as making people made a motion to approve the QI report. Jamie seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Steussy also told the board about the environmental meeting that Terri had last week, and thought it went well.

New Business

Dr. Steussy informed the board how we had contacted Datamark Development about the possibility of getting the front office computerized, so they can do both Birth and Death certificates online. The cost of the modules are thirty five hundred dollars for each module, or fifteen thousand dollars for all seven modules. It was suggested to explore other possibilities and see what other options there might be. Dr. Steussy also suggested that one of us should go to one of the other health departments that have a system and see how it works.

The decrease in immunizations was discussed, and how we can get the numbers back up. It was mentioned how we used to immunize anyone, but now they can only give immunizations to children without insurance or are on Medicaid. Dr. Steussy wanted to get some numbers together to compare the difference between this year and last year.

Dixie from the nursing staff was at the meeting. She discussed the home care visits with the board and how they were caring for about the same amount of patients. She goes to the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month to do screenings. The month of March she did ten screenings. The people are using the opportunity of getting the screenings done.

The company vehicle was discussed. They wanted to know the milage and the condition it was in. Dixie commented that they have had it several years and it was rough riding. She wasn't quite sure how many miles were on it.

Julie presented Dr. Philips with a resolution to be signed by the board members present. It was concerning the discussion at the January board meeting, about changing the cost of the birth and death certificates to twenty dollars each. She stated the resolution needed to be taken up to the Auditor to be presented to the commissioners, and voted on.

Craig moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Bruce seconded. All members voted to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

April 19, 2016 7 p.m.