
Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday April 19, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy- Health Officer

Dr. Fred Philips- Chairperson

Dr. Jamie Morgan- Vice Chairperson

Bruce Levi

Dr. Craig Fenimore

Tai Morrell, NP

Dr. Russell Daugherty

Julie Newhouse

Dr. Philips called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Last Meeting Follow-up

After reviewing the April minutes, there were a few spelling errors that needed adjusted. Bruce moved to accept the April minutes; after the changes were corrected. Tai seconded. All board members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Philips went over the Departmental Reports.

He asked if Terri (the environmentalist) had passed her pesticide test that she had taken in March. The board was informed that she had passed the first test and hasn't heard about the second one.

Bruce asked how the Health Office handled the water samples. He was told that the customer is given the empty bottle and instructed on how to get the sample. They bring the water sample in on Friday morning; the paperwork is checked to see if it was filled out properly. The water sample is placed in the refrigerator, and the company picks up the sample. The customer is mailed the results, and the Health Department receives one as well.

Craig moved to accept the Nursing, Preparedness and Environmental reports. Tai seconded. Craig amended his motion to accept the Community Outreach report. Tai seconded. All board members voted to accept. Motion carried.

New Business

Dr. Steussy reported on the childhood immunizations. She stated the hospital is concerned about the immunization problem. They have asked Dr. Kedo to take charge and get the word out to the community, including the Amish Community and the Home Schooled. The community needs to be aware how important it is to get the vaccinations. They aren't just for the kindergarten age, the need is for all ages. The walk-in clinic and Dr. Kedo's office are not going to require appointments for immunizations. The plan is that you walk in and let them know you are here for a vaccination, and you should be able to go right in..

Tai asked if there was any way the immunizations could be tracked on how many are getting them. Bruce is going to ask the hospital if they can share the statistics with us on the number of vaccines being done, or maybe contact the state to see if we could get some percentages from them.

Other Business

Dr. Steussy reported on the Active Living Workshop she attended on March 29, 2016. She was impressed with the workshop. The group walked around town looking at what could be done to get residents more active. As they walked they were to focus on what would be the most important priorities. The intersection around McDonald's was discussed and what could be done to make it safer in that area.

The state recommended that we do more signage to make sure people are aware of different places to walk or bike. Dr. Steussy passed around copies of the Active Living Workshop notes for the board to read.

The board also discussed how to encourage healthier eating in Rush County, and how to get people out walking more. At the workshop, the state suggested to make a map for people so they would know where the walking and biking trails are.

Dr. Boersma has submitted the PHAB final action plan documents on April 8, 2016. She will email the PHAB manager to see when we can expect a response, and Dr. Boersma will let us know.

Next meeting May 17, 2016

Dr. Philips will be out of town in May, so he will not be attending the meeting.

Dr. Fenimore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Tai seconded. All board members voted to accept. Motion carried.