
Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 7 pm

Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy- Health Officer
Dr. Fred Philips - Chairperson
Tai Morrell, NP
Julie Newhouse- Attorney

Bruce Levi
Greg Pratt
Dr. Russell Daugherty
Terri Nigh- Environmentalist

Guests

Britt Buhler, Larissa Buhler

Dr. Philips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Last Meeting Follow-up

There were no changes made to the July minutes. Greg moved to accept the July minutes. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board went over the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental, and Community Outreach reports. There were no changes made to the departmental reports. Tai moved to accept the reports. Craig seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

New Business

Britt Buhler and Larissa Buhler were in attendance to ask the board about their septic system situation. Dr. Philips was unable to attend last month's meeting, so he asked Mr. Buhler some questions regarding the system. Dr. Steussy was to contact two different environmental specialists from the surrounding counties regarding the Buhler system. She was to see if she could get one of them to come and inspect the system. After contacting five different counties (Hamilton, Bartholomew, Jackson, Johnson, and Morgan) not one was able to come and look at the system. They told Dr. Steussy that the way the system was put in, there was no way they could inspect it. The specialists didn't feel as though they could make that decision because of not knowing all the facts.

Several of the board members also had questions for Mr. Buhler. Dr. Philips asked Mr. Buhler if he thought it would be fair if he had the board to vote on what their thoughts were regarding the

system. Dr. Philips then asked the question to the board, "Should Mr. Buhler be allowed to use the system as is or should he follow the state guidelines?" As much as the board wanted to help the Buhler's out, the board voted three to two to follow the rules.

Dr. Philips asked Dr. Steussy if there was anything else she wanted to go over. Dr. Steussy brought up that it was West Nile time and since there had been some found in the county, that we needed to educate the county on ways to control the mosquitoes. We, as a county, need to go out and clean up, something as small as a cap lid is breeding ground for the mosquitoes. We need to clean out the bird baths, pickup plastic that is lying around, anything that can hold water needs cleaned.

She also brought up the Active Living Workshop, and how we need to get the people out and exercise regularly, eat healthier, and get more activity. On October 5, 2016, the school is going to have a walk to school day. The children will get bused to the park and then they will all walk to school from the park.

The hospital is going to start a suicide prevention and a Heroin and Opioid addiction task force. The county wanted to check into the needle exchange program, but the Hep C virus is not a big problem at this time.

Dr. Philips asked if there was anything else to add.

Craig moved to adjourn. Bruce seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.
Adjourn at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting

Executive Meeting August 30, 2016, time to be announced at a later date.

Next Board Meeting - September 20, 2016, at 7:00