
Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 2017 7p.m.

Attendees

Helen Steussy - Health Officer
Fred Philips - Chairperson
Tai Morrell - Vice Chairperson
Marge Amos - Nurse Supervisor

Bruce Levi
Kendra Steible
Carol Yager
Sherry McKinney - Office Manager

Dr. Philips called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Last Meeting Follow-up

Dr. Philips asked if everyone had a chance to go through the April minutes and if anyone had any corrections. On the last page Dr. Steussy wanted to have United States put in the place of state, and replace the word funds with spending. Carol moved to accept the reports, after the changes are made. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

No corrections were needed on the departmental reports. Tai moved to accept the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental and Community Outreach reports. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

New Business

Dr. Philips told the board about his and Dr. Steussy's budget work shop meeting with the Commissioners and the Council. The budget wasn't discussed but other things were. They were questioning some of the things going on in the office. They told him that they had some complaints about the office. Dr. Philips told them that he hadn't heard of any complaints, but have had several compliments. He told them unless he has been told about the complaints he can't fix them.

Sherry McKinney, the office manager, was at the meeting this month to let the board know what her duties were in the office. She told them she made sure all the money and paperwork balanced, she did the bank deposits and payroll. She also told them she

balanced the books at the end of the month and the end of the year, after which she puts together the Annual Report. Sherry told the board she also sends out the monthly bills for the Home Health patients the nurses see, and applies the payments to their accounts when they come in the mail. She helps Sharon with Vital Records and attends the Vital Record Conferences in the Spring and Fall, and she also takes the minutes at the Board Meetings. She did state that she would like to go with Terri when she does a septic system. She thought that the more she knew about it the better she might be able to answer questions when people call.

Dr. Steussy told the board that Tai had told her about NALBOH (National Association for Local Boards of Health). It offers different things for Health Departments. It cost Two hundred dollars for membership, but that includes all board members. It has webinars and supports Health Boards going through Accreditation. Tai said she would send links to the members so they could check it out. Dr. Philips suggested it wait a couple of months, to see how the budget is.

Sr. Steussy told the board that Marge had met with the associates and talked with them about their goals that was set for them during their evaluations.

The Community Outreach/Rush2Health/Partners are working on getting bylaws 501c3 as a not for profit status so they can start applying for grants. They are wanting to do a project, one that will help the community to get out and get more exercise. They would like to get some walking and bike trails for the community.

The board received their Annual Report and Dr. Steussy pointed out to them the mental health to provider ratio. Indiana is 730-1 and Rush County is 1280-1. The county really needs to get some type of Mental Health help. Tai stated that there is people in the jail that actually need mental help. She stated locking them up is not doing them any good. They need the psychiatric help, but there is no one around to give them that help. The board decided to look into some options and talk about it more next month.

Dr. Philips asked if anyone had anything else.

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next meeting May 16, 2017 at 7PM