
Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 7PM

Attendees

Helen Steussy - Health Officer
Tai Morrell- Vice Chairperson
Kendra Steible

Bruce Levi
Greg Pratt
Julie Newhouse- Attorney

Tai called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Review of Minutes

Tai asked the members if any corrections were needed in the June minutes. No changes were needed. Greg moved to accept the June minutes. Bruce seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board then looked at the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental and Community Outreach reports. With the budget being tight, Bruce questioned why the staff had so many miles. Marge explained to Bruce that the miles are down this month. They have lost several patients that live out in the county, so the amount of mileage should be less.

It was discussed among the board about the fact that there were several septics that were still on the reports from previous months. Some of the questions couldn't be answered, so Greg asked when Terri would be at the meeting. Marge told the board that Terri would be at the August meeting.

Tai also questioned the fact that we had six animal bites this month. Marge explained that in the summertime more people are outside which makes the number of dog bites increase. Kendra moved to accept the departmental reports. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Health Officer Report

Dr. Steussy discussed with the board the PHAB annual report. She stated that Marge had sent the report to PHAB, but she needed clarification on six questions. They have two weeks to get them answered and sent back in. Dr. Steussy asked Marge to inform the

board the six questions PHAB was referring to. Marge went over the questions. One of them referred to the actions the board has taken with the Health Department and the results of those actions. Dr. Steussy mentioned to Marge, that maybe she and Sherry should go back through the last six months reports and put in the next minutes what the board has accomplished so far this year. Dr. Steussy offered her help. She then started talking about the budget and asked Sherry, the office manager, if she wanted to explain.

Financial Report

Sherry passed out some reports she had printed up for the board. She stated that the budget that they do yearly is different from what she has to run the office. The budget she has to run the office with is from the tax revenue fund. That is a percentage of payments from taxes residents has paid. With what she has, this isn't enough to run through December. She told the board she will be in the red by the end of the year. She can get an advance from the amount she will receive in January, but then that is money taken from the January thru June budget. They discussed different ways we could get extra money. They discussed forming a campaign to educate the public what services are done in the Health Department.

PHAB Report

As stated by Dr. Steussy, Marge is finishing up the first part of the PHAB annual report. As soon as they submit the answers to the questions that they didn't accept, they have to work on getting the second part done. The second part is due thirty days after they accept the first section.

Old Business

In reviewing the last six months minutes, here are some actions taken by the board.

Dr. Steussy felt since we had several new board members and a new associate, and one that had changed a position, that it would be nice if one associate came each month to tell the board what they did in their positions at the office. They were:

- November- 2016 Sharon Brown the part-time Vital Records Clerk
- January- Lisa Senour-Reboulet- Community Outreach Coordinator
- February- Terri Nlgh- the Environmentalist
- March- Dixie Meyer- Staff Nurse
- April-Sherry McKinney- Office Manager
- May- Marge- Nurse Supervisor

The board was glad this was done, now they know the staff better and what they do at their positions.

Some of the topics the board discussed the last six months were purchasing a new vehicle for the Health Department, which was accomplished in April. It was also discussed possibly hiring a part-time septic environmentalist, and having all installers be IOWPA certified but they were put on hold for now.

The board also had two members give their notice of resignation, which meant they had to replace them. They had two people in mind, and when asked if they would be interested in being a board member, they accepted.

New Business

Dr. Philips asked Tai to discuss with the board the letter that he had sent to the Shelbyville Health Department. There has been some negative criticism going around about our environmentalist, Terri Nigh, and he is trying to let everyone know that she is doing the job she was trained and certified to do.

Greg moved to adjourn the meeting. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting

August 15, 2017, 7PM