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# Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 7:00 PM

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## Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy- Health Officer  
Dr. Fred Philips- Chairman of the Board  
Tai Morrell, NP- Vice-Chairperson  
Dr. Russell Daugherty  
Marge Amos- Nurse Supervisor

Bruce Levi  
Carol Yager  
Greg Pratt  
Juli Newhouse- Attorney  
Sherry McKinney Office Mgr

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

## Last Meeting Follow-up

The board went over the May minutes, no changes were needed. Bruce moved to accept the May minutes. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

They went over the Departmental Reports, no changes were needed. Greg moved to accept the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental, and the Community Outreach reports. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

## New Business

Marge Amos, the Nursing Supervisor, was at the meeting to let the board know what her duties in and around the office were. She and Dixie do the in patient home care. She compiles the monthly and yearly reports. She oversees the office, updates the policies and procedure manual, and works on PHAB. She is a part of Preparedness, where she and the Emergency Management department work together as a team. She does the office evaluations, keeps the Health Officer updated on the office. The office staff has a weekly meeting every Monday morning and then every four to six weeks there is an all staff meeting. She is involved in Rush2Health and the CPT meetings. Dr. Philips thanked Marge for coming and letting the board know a little about her job.

Dr. Philips asked Dr Steussy if she had anything for the board this month. She informed them she was trying to help Marge finish up the yearly report for PHAB .Dr. Steussy asked

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the Health Board their opinion on how effective the Health Department was? She wanted to know if we were doing the job we need to be doing? Tai thinks we are doing a good job with the resources we have. Tai thinks we need to try and get a Psychiatrist in the city. She said she emailed the IU School of Medicine and was inquiring about a Psychiatrist, and they told her that out of about 350 students only 7 or 8 students receive their diploma for that class, and she didn't know if there were any grants out there that could help fund this.

The board affirms that the health department does a good job. They do things like home health visits, immunization clinics, flu and pneumonia clinics, and other things in and out of the office, to make themselves visible to the community. Rush County is about the only county that offers home health visits. The board also discussed the annual report. It shows we are doing about the same as previous years.

The budget committee (Dr. Philips, Tai Morrell, NP, and Carol Yager) got together in May and went over the budgets. Dr. Philips discussed with the board the accounts and positions they cut from. They discussed the different things the office does that saves other departments money. Dixie, one of the nurses, goes over to the jail twice a week to help the staff with the inmates, medications, setting them up and distributing them on the days she is there, and by Dixie and Marge doing Home Health it saves the state money by keeping them at home instead of being put in the Nursing Home. Tai moved to accept the budget. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Bruce abstained from the vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM