



Rush Co Health Board Meeting

Tuesday March 21, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Attendees

Dr. Helen Steussy- Health Officer

Bruce Levi

Dr. Fred Philips - Board Chairperson

Greg Pratt

Tai Morrell, NP -Board Vice Chairperson

Carol Yager

Julie Newhouse - Attorney

Kendra Steible

Marge Amos - Nurse Supervisor

Guest

Dixie Meyer- Staff Nurse

Dr. Philips called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Last Meeting Follow-up

The board went over the February minutes. There was one change that needed to be corrected. Greg moved to accept the February minutes, after the correction was made. Tai seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The departmental reports were reviewed. Carol asked what the difference between a chargeable visit and a non-chargeable visit was. Marge told her that a chargeable visit was if someone came in to get a TB test or an allergy injection those were considered chargeable since they came into the office. When someone comes in to have their weight checked, phone consultations, or check for lice, that would be a non-chargeable visit. After the explanation Tai moved to accept the departmental reports. Greg seconded.

New Business

This month, Dixie Meyer, the staff nurse was at the meeting to describe what her job duties were. She has been with the Health Department for 24 years. Her main function is home care. She goes to the homes and sets up their meds and she supervises the home health aid. The jail is another place she goes once a week and sometimes twice a week. She goes over the doctor's orders and sets up the medications according to doctor's orders,

and goes over the directions with the jailers. She sometimes gives injections and checks blood pressure.

She does the INEDSS (Indiana National Disease Surveillance System) report. It is a computer web based program where she does her investigations on diseases. On the second Wednesday of the month she goes to the Senior Center and does Senior Screening. She checks their blood pressure, pulse, respiration, weight, blood sugar, and hemoglobin. A report is typed up and sent to the person's physician. She helps with the immunizations on the first Thursday of the month. Dixie also does lead case management, which we only have had 2 or 3 cases a year. She puts all the information on our facebook page. She tries to put something educational on every week.

Dr. Steussy discussed with the board members about her Partners for Health meeting. They are trying to make Rush County a healthier place. They would like to reach out to the community and get them involved. They would like to make Rushville a more walkable community.

Dr. Stuessy told the board the staff was trying to get the annual report finished.

Dr. Philips told the board that he and Dr. Steussy had been invited to a budget workshop on Friday March 24, 2017 at 8:30 am.

He told the board a little about the Local Public Health Leadership Symposium that was held in Indianapolis on March 15, 2017. He said they talked about the Heroin epidemic, and the vaccines that were going to be mandated next year.

They also talked about the issues that happen from smoking. They said households spend around \$920.00 a year from the effects of smoking, whether you smoke or not. Indiana is 39th in the United States overall in health and 49th in public health spending. The next Symposium meeting will be October 11, 2017 in Indianapolis.

Next board meeting is April 18, 2017 7pm

Dr. Steussy did that mention that she had a follow-up with Lisa concerning teenage pregnancy prevention. She has connected the school with the Hope Center in Connersville about their program that is evidence based and built thinking about things instead of reacting and building self esteem. Lisa is trying to get the Hope Center and the school together to get this started.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is April 18, 2017 at 7pm

Tai moved to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm