

Rush County Health Board Meeting

Date: January 16, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Helen Steussy, MD- Health Officer
Tai Morrell, NP- Chairperson
Fred Philips, DVM-Vice-Chairperson
Russell Daugherty, MD
Marge Amos-Nurse Supervisor

Carol Yager - MT
Kendra Steible
Greg Pratt-RPh
Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Guest:

None

Called meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Election of Officers:

Greg moved to make Tai Morrell, NP, the new Chairperson and Dr. Fred Philips as Vice-Chairperson. Dr. Daugherty seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes & Departmental Reports:

There was no corrections needed on the November Minutes. Dr. Philips moved to accept the minutes. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Departmental Reports. On the environmental report there was a spelling error. After the spelling correction, Dr. Philips moved to accept the Nursing, Preparedness, Community Outreach and Environmental reports. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Sherry updated the board on the status of our cash total in the office. She stated that if she watches the spending closely, that we should be good until we get our spring tax allotment.

PHAB Report:

Dr. Steussy told the board that everyone needs to think of some Quality Improvement plans. She told the board that one way on the Quality Improvement was the way we were redoing the minutes. Dr. Steussy would like more staff input concerning quality improvement in their areas of the office.

Board Improvement

Dr. Steussy told the board that one of the things PHAB wanted was for the board to review action taken each month and do an assessment on how productive the actions have been.

Operation Improvement

Dr. Steussy talked about the Opioid take back program. The health department is wanting to sponsor a "Drug Take Back" day, and in November, during the national take back day. It wouldn't be just for Opioids, it would be for all drugs that people wanted to discard. The place is still to be determined.

Community Improvement

Dr. Steussy spoke about the letter she wrote to the Mayor about the plans for the sidewalk project. Dixie, from Rush2Health sent a letter as well. She told the board about the "Stomp Out Tobacco" project that the Health Department, Rush2Health, and Rush Memorial Hospital are planning on having on Friday January 26, 2018, from 5PM to 6PM. It is for kids in 3rd thru 8th grades. They are having Amanda (Stull) Garza as a guest speaker.

Old Business:

Dr. Steussy and Julie still need to make arrangements to meet with the Auditor concerning the DLGF workshop, and discussed the letter that was sent to the mayor concerning "The Morgan Street Sidewalk Corridor".

New Business:

Dr. Steussy was informed the board that the flu season is here and there have been several deaths from it. She stated that people should be thinking about getting a flu shot. Several ways of preventing it would be wash hands frequently, cover your mouth when you cough, and if running a fever, stay home.

Adjournment:

Dr. Philips moved to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:00

Next Meeting:

February 20, 2018, 7 p.m.