Rush County Health Board Meeting

May 19, 2020 7:00 PM

Attendees via zoom

- 1. Dr. Russell Daugherty- Health Officer
- 2. Carol Yager-Chairperson
- 3. Kendra Steible-Vice Chairperson
- 4. Geoff Wesling-Attorney
- 5. Julia Apple-Administrator/Environmentalist
- 6. Chuck Kemker-EMA/Preparedness

Beth West, RN
Vicky Lindsay, FNP
Dr. Jonathan LeSar
Dixie Meyer-Staff Nurse
Sherry McKinney-Clerical

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Last Meeting Follow-up

The board reviewed the January Minutes. Kendra moved to accept the January Minutes, after the correction is made. Beth seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dixie discussed what has been happening with home visits since the KOVID19 Epidemic.

She told them that the nurse and the aid were taking the necessary precautions when going to their homes. Kendra moved to accept the Nursing report. Beth seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Julia spoke about her report. She said that she has 33 Septics in different stages. She gave an update on the Stevens/Geise, she sent a letter regular USPS and a certified in May. She talked about being on the 20 member Rush County Task Force with Dr. Daugherty, Chuck, and Dixie that meet on Tuesday, and Friday, but have gone to once a week, on Wednesday Julia and Dixie have logged extra hours and expenses related to COVID. She also told them that they have distributed some PPE equipment to agencies who have had trouble getting the equipment.

There have been 9 complaints for the year and 2 are currently ongoing and action being taken. Julia told the board that the department received 200 doses of Narcan from a Grant they applied for earlier this year.

New Business

Julia told the board that we replaced the worn out office furniture. It was in the budget for this year.

She told them that at the next meeting we would discuss the 2021 Budget and we need to form a subcommittee to work on it after more information is known.

In Progress

Julia gave a COVID update, as of now there are 53 cases, 13 clinical, 39 positives and 2 deaths. Rush County is going by the Governor's plan of action.

The board complimented the department on the excellent job they have been doing since lockdown. Providing needed information/guidance and the County nursing homes have had no cases.

Old Business

Julia told the board that in March the Health Department worked with Chuck and did a POD exercise on March 9, 2020. Carol came and took part in it. On March 12, 2020 she had her Septic workshop. She has several installers attend. Greg Inman from Presby/ATL did a presentation and Julia Hayes from the state did a presentation also.

She talked about the Farmer's market training on February 18, 2020.

Julia is working with Gary King, the County IT coordinator on the website.

The board tabled the Astra Zeneca grant issue. They are still considering how healthy snacks and health education can be introduced to elementary age children and if the Boy's and Girl's Club can participate.

Preparedness Update

The PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) budget was sent out by email for review. It was pre-COVID budget. Rush Co. received \$6800.00 extra from the district as funds were distributed away from non-active counties. The board voted to approve the budget. Chuck will develop a budget and will submit it to the state.

The HVA (Hazard Vulnerability Analysis) workshop that Chuck had planned for the March Board of Health meeting is no longer needed. Amidst the pandemic, ISDH Indiana State Department of Health) is not requiring it at this time.

Kendra moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Beth seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM Members will be informed whether zoom or in-person.