

Rush County Health Board Meeting Minutes (April)

DATE:	April 20, 2021	RECORDER: Julia Apple
LOCATION:	Via Zoom	CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM TIME ADJOURNED: 6:28 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Carol Yager-Chairperson, Dr. Russell Daugherty-Health Officer, Dr. Jonathon LeSar, Vice-Chairperson, Sam Roller, Emily Ellis, PharmD, Jackie Gettinger, Geoff Wesling, Attorney	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Beth West RN, Hannah Augsburger	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Julia Apple- Administrator/Environmentalist, Chuck Kemker-Preparedness/EMA, Dixie Meyer, RN, Alicia Hill, RN	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/ COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION// FOLLOW-UP
1. Review of Minutes	March minutes	Chuck added to the Preparedness Update that he submitted an after action report. With that addition, it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
2. Departmental Reports	March Departmental Reports Reports were sent by email to board members prior to the meeting for review.	Departmental reports were approved as presented.
3. New Business		
A. Office Arrangements	Sherry is on FMLA to June 18. With Sherry gone the office is down one full-time employee. Alicia was already training on office responsibilities.	Staff members are working together to cover in her absence.
4. In Progress		
A. Office Upgrades	Lighting to LED. Logo on door. New flooring in nursing office and new work stations. Upgrades funded from Dept of Health budget.	Upgrades had prior approval of Commissioners and Council.
B. Dog bite Ordinance	Has been tabled.	No activity.
C. Healthy Rush County	Jackie Gettinger is ready to feature Stagg's as the next local restaurant and plans to video how to use the park's new exercise equipment.	Board is delighted Jackie is taking this on. This initiative fits with goal of a healthier county and addresses the obesity problem identified by our assessment.
D. COVID	Seeing more cases this month, particularly in the 20-40 yr age range. Vaccinations down but ample vaccination appointments available. J&J vaccination paused (2 local pharmacies giving) per recommendations. Three breakthrough cases after Pfizer vaccination. No hospitalizations. Rush County is currently a "Yellow" status.	Continued work to educate, vaccinate and monitor situation. State continued to color code counties.

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E. Birth Certificates		
5. Old Business		
A. Stephens/Geise Case	Geise has not set an approved septic tank. Current tank is too small.	To be sure parties are clear, Julia will draft a letter confirming the current status. Attorney Geoff Wesling will finalize the letter and send it.
6. Emergency Preparedness	Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) signed. Had been approved, but not signed. Much added to plan as up to "L" annex. Have supplies. Mass clinic plan complete and sent to state. State has given extension on deliverables due dates.	Will continue to update at monthly meetings.
7. Adjournment	With no further business the meeting was adjourned.	Date of next meeting was announced. Attendance by Zoom will continue to be an option.

Next meeting on May 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM