

Rush County Health Board Minutes

Date: April 16, 2019, 7:00 PM

Attendees:

Tai Morrell, FNP- Chairperson

Kendra Steible-Vice-Chairperson

Emily Ellis-PharmD

Rachel Clark-NREMPT, Community Paramedic

Geoff Wesling- Attorney

Dixie Meyer, RN

Sharon Brown-VRP-S

Dr. Russell Daugherty- Health Officer

Carol Yager – MT

Vicky Lindsay, NP

Julia Apple-Office Mgr. /Environmentalist

Marge Amos, RN

Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Guests:

Melissa Hill

Tai called the meeting to order at 7:01 P. M.

Review of Minutes & Reports:

The board reviewed the March minutes. Tai stated she wants a meeting set for late April to early May regarding the budget/finances. Carol moved to accept the March minutes. Emily seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the March Departmental reports. No changes were needed. Carol moved to accept the Nursing, and Preparedness reports. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Tai told the board that in our one year plan they wanted to update our website, she said she would discuss the five and ten-year goals at the "In Progress" portion of the report. She discussed the Health Department website and what should go on it. She said we need to have the department assess the needs within the Community and develop policies to address those needs and assure those needs are met. We need to improve the overall health of our Community. She said Rushville was rated fifty-one out of ninety-two counties. She would like to see that number change from fifty-one to the thirties in the near future.

She also thought we should hold off on insurance billing at this time; she said we would check into it at a later date.

The budget committee decided on May 2, 2019, at 1:00 PM in the Health Department to have the budget meeting.

Tai asked Sherry if she had purchased a copy machine. She told the board that the office was thinking about buying another vehicle and was wanting to get some estimates so that paperwork could be sent the same time she sent paperwork in for the copy machine.

Tai noticed there was a guest in the office. Tai asked if she wanted to speak about something. She told them her name was Melissa Hill, and she was a student nurse and as doing her clinical

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at the Health Department. She has read through the minutes, and she wanted to attend the Health Board Meeting to observe what the board does at their meetings.

In Progress:

Tai had questions for Dixie concerning the Rush2Health and LCC meetings, and if they overlap. Dixie explained to the board what the Rush2Health did for the Community. She said they were working on updating the Community Resource Book. Dixie told them that about eight to ten people attend the meetings, but hope to get more people attending.

As of now, we have 2 FT nurse's in the Health Department, Rachel, as a Community Paramedic, and Rush Memorial has a community paramedic all who go to patients homes. The five-year goal would have these three groups working together. Tai said Marge and Dixie could get with Rachel and discuss how she could fill gaps along with other things the nurses might think that Rachel could help them with.

Tai spoke about the meeting with the Sheriff, and as of now, they won't be utilizing our help. Once the new jail is finished, they hope to have the staff to take care of them.

The board also discussed the PHAB Accreditation and if we should continue with it. The board feels that since the state is in the process that we should keep our Accreditation, that way if the state would make it mandatory, Rush County would not have to go through the process again. Tai mentioned we needed to think about the funding for this.

The ten-year goal would be to improve the overall healthcare and awareness in Rush County. In 2019 Rush County is ranked 51 out of 92 counties in overall health. Tai would like to see that number change from 51 to the '30s. Tai said we need more Health care and Mental Health providers within our Community.

New Business:

Marge told the board that in July the Preparedness Grant would have changes. She stated that the Preparedness Grant starts in July and ends in June of the following year. The amount will be \$25,000.00. Marge told them they need to contract a part-time person to do this job. Tai thought we needed to vote on if we intended to keep the Preparedness Grant.

Kendra moved for us to continue with our Emergency Preparedness Program. Emily seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

We need to have a letter of intent by the end of the month.

Tai also said we need to vote to have the following to be put on our website.

Health Board Meetings are open to the public on the third Tuesday every month, January through November, at 7:00 PM in the Health Department, Room 105, in the Rush County Courthouse. The board welcomes civil discourse, and if you attend and wish to speak, you will be required to sign in.

Kendra moved to have that put on the website. Rachel seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Environmental Report:

Julia informed the board that she had thirty septic's going on in different stages. We have six

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new permits issued since the last meeting. There are sixteen outstanding permits and ready to go in the ground. Last year we only had a total of eight. There are fourteen files in different stages in the process. There haven't been any complaints, until today. She had done six food inspections, and she informed them that the state continues to come down and help her, and she has possibly two Home Based Vendors thinking about starting up.

Stevens/Geise update Permits are ready to be issued to Mr. Geise. According to Marvin, the installer does not want to visit the tiles at this time due to his schedule. We are unsure whether we are using the tile or daylighting. She has contacted the installer (Casey) and is waiting on a callback.

Julia also told them that "Vape Away Day" has been approved, and she and Sherry have been exploring Quickbooks and Wave.

Financial Report:

Sherry told the board she is working on the budget to get ready for the budget meeting.

Adjournment:

Emily made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicky seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM.

Next meeting May 21, 2019, 7:00 PM.