
Rush County Health Board Meeting

Tuesday August 18, 2020, 6:00 PM

Attendees-via zoom

Carol Yager-Chairperson

Dr. Russell Daugherty- Health Officer

Kendra Steible- Vice-Chairperson

Geoff Wesling- Attorney

Julia Apple-Administrator/EHS

Dixie Meyer, RN

Dr. Jonathan LeSar, DVM

Emily Ellis, PharmD

Vicky Lindsay, NP

Chuck Kemker, Preparedness/EMA

Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Last Meeting Follow-up

Members reviewed, discussed and approved the Nursing Departmental and the Administrator/Environmentalist Report with the date corrected to July on the Communicable Disease Report.

Old Business

Julia told the board that she saw The Geises were farming in the area over their septic and this could damage their system, and she sent them a letter letting them know that she was aware of what they were doing and that she would not sign off on their septic paperwork because of incorrect (too small) tank size.

In Progress

Dixie updated the board on COVID. She spoke about a very large wedding reception at the Root Bldg. that happened recently and thirty new cases came from that event. School was closed two days and at least six business affected. An event form had been submitted for the wedding only. The board was told that the event form was revised to clarify how many attending wedding and reception. Dixie said that the Fair Board which has control over both the Root Building and Community Building, planned to ask for a COVID plan from users. She told them that the task force is back to meeting weekly.

The Annual Report was distributed. An error was found on page 17. It was corrected and revised copies sent.

Julia, Dixie, and the Auditor are meeting with the hospital on Friday to finalize plans for COVID testing grant. The original shipment will be coming to the Health Department. Dixie

informed the board of the process and how it was going to be handled. The department is receiving \$50,000 from ISDH for the testing, and testing should start September 1, 2020.

Julia told the board that we have been approved for a \$75,000.00 IT grant. She met with the courthouse IT coordinator to get ideas on what we could do with the money. An IT system for the Assembly Room and improved technology for health office are possible uses.

New Business

Kendra told the board that she will be leaving the beginning of September, so we will need to find a replacement for her. Everyone thanked her for her service and wished her well. Carol asked if anyone had any ideas on who we could recruit. She suggested a school counselor to bring their knowledge of the schools and mental health. Someone with agriculture knowledge was also suggested. Sherry had made up an application for Board of Health Membership. Everyone thought it was nice, but suggested references needed to be added on the form.

In addition to introducing the board member application, Carol and Julia plan to change the meeting minutes format to a more current block (not narrative) format. Sherry is looking at templates. Also a strategic timeline of topics to address during the year is in the works.

Sharon is retiring approximately October 2, 2020. Julia told the board that we were going to try and hire Alicia full time to help cover Sharon's position, and change her job title to Support Staff. She is going to meet with the Auditor and discuss it. All members agreed that it was a good idea.

Preparedness Update

Chuck told the board that his budget was approved and that he finally received his first paycheck. He told them that he was on track for deliverables.

Carol commented to Chuck about the COVID billboards that have been put up and said she liked their message to educate the public.

Adjournment

Kendra moved to adjourn the meeting. Vicky seconded. All members voted to accept.
Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Next meeting September 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM