

Rush County Health Board Meeting Minutes *(May)*

DATE:	May 17, 2021	RECORDER: Carol Yager
LOCATION:	Via Zoom	CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM TIME ADJOURNED: 6:42 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Carol Yager-Chairperson, Dr. Russell Daugherty-Health Officer, Emily Ellis, PharmD, Jackie Gettinger, Beth West RN, Geoff Wesling, Attorney	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Hannah Augsburger, Sam Roller, Dr. LeSar	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Julia Apple- Administrator/Environmentalist, Dixie Meyer, RN	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/ COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION / FOLLOW-UP
1. Review of Minutes	April minutes were provided in their final form. March minutes were approved in April after changes. April minutes were sent to members prior to meeting.	April minutes were approved as written.
2. Departmental Reports	April 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. Narcan training	Health department is providing training to administer Narcan to county/city staff and community members.	Training will continue as needed.
B. Pfizer vaccine for teens	ISDH requested local health department to take 60 doses for ages 12-17 years.	Rush County declined as hospital has supply of vaccine and plenty of open spaces for vaccination appointments.
C. Auditing America	People from this group were at courthouse. Julia was accommodating so no trouble ensued.	Courthouse employees may receive training on how to handle negative/disruptive groups.
4. In Progress		
A. Office Upgrades	LED lighting, flooring, work stations, and door logo are all wonderful improvements.	Upgrades had prior approval of Commissioners and Council. Items paid from Health Department budget.
B. Dog bite Ordinance	Has been tabled.	No activity.
C. Healthy Rush County	Jackie Gettinger completed Stagg's healthy food options video and plans to continue doing more videos.	This initiative fits with goal of a healthier county and addresses the obesity problem identified by our assessment.
D. Office status	Sherry McKinney is of on FMLA.	Sherry is expected to return in June.
E. SHA/SHIP	ISDH is developing their plans for 2022-2026. Carol is on the committee for this. The first meeting is May 20 and there are	Carol will report back to the board.

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	monthly meetings through September. SHA=State Health Assessment. SHIP=State Health Improvement Plan.	
F. DMHA	ISDH's Division of Mental Health and Addition (DMHA) met online with local leaders to identify needs. The intent is that these needs can then be met through grants from ISDH/DMHA. Carol attended the May 6 meeting.	ISDH will announce grant opportunities later.
G. COVID	At the present time, Rush County is blue (few cases). There have been breakthrough cases in vaccinated adults. Hospital continues to vaccinate, even offering a shuttle for a limited time. Health Department is vaccinating home bound.	Vaccination is the best way to fight this virus. Will continue to educate and promote vaccination.
5. Old Business		
A. Stephens/Geise Case	Geise has not set an approved septic tank. Current tank is too small.	Julia will draft a letter confirming the current status. Attorney Geoff Wesling will finalize the letter and send it.
B. SB#5	Senate bill #5 passed May 10. This takes away some of the power of health officials. Board discussed and consensus was it will have minimal impact locally but could be much more impactful at the state level.	Regulation was effective May 10.
c. Budget	Budget time is approaching.	Input is welcome.
6. Emergency Preparedness	Nothing to report.	
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 June 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM