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The bi-monthly meeting of the Johnson County Board of Health was held at the Johnson County Health Department on April 28, 2021 at 7:30 am.

Those present from the board were, Dr. James Pease (Chairperson), Chelsie Grider, Dr. Michael Pauszek, Dr. George Small, Amanda Stevenson-Homes and Ruth Freese. Paul Hass, board attorney, attended as well. Dr. Moorman, Betsy Swearingen, Bob Smith, Cheryl Snider, Jen Warner and Lisa Brown represented the Health Department.

There was a motion to approve the February minutes by Dr. Michael Pauszek and a second by Ruth Freese.

Health Officer Report:

Dr. Moorman stated the COVID-19 clinic was very slow right now and as of this past Monday walk-in appointments are available. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been reinstated to use, however it is not available in Johnson Co.

The department has finished taking down all the tents and the fairgrounds has been cleaned up as the swabbing site has been moved to Compass Park.

Nursing Report:

Lisa reported they are in the process of acquiring a new billing company for the vaccine program. The previous company was cutting back on their program and customer service was on the decline and the Health Department was having trouble getting reimbursement. The new company will cover all insurances as well as Medicaid and Medicare. This will give the Health Department opportunity to expand programs to all those insured as well as uninsured. Vax-Care will purchase the vaccine for the HD and we will get an administration fee for each vaccine given. This new billing is projected to start the end of June or first of July. With the increase of patients, the department is looking to add another clinic day to the schedule.

As far as the regular clinics, the division is still trying to catch up babies on vaccines that were put off last year because of the pandemic. The nursing time is being split up between the COVID-19 clinic and our regular vaccine clinic.

Environmental Report:

Several of the environmental group are getting ready to recertify their pool certifications. This has to be done every 5 years. Pool season is getting ready to start and there are many pools that need to be inspected per Bob Smith.

The COVID-19 testing site is staying consistent in numbers. The department is looking to expand the vaccine clinics to private companies, possibly some schools and maybe even some homeless shelter events.

The Health Department has been asked to be the Grand Marshall for the Johnson County Fair parade. This will take place on July 17th.

There are several subdivisions going in and a lot of Phase 1 searches taking place. Septic site inspections are on the rise at this time. Rand, Bob and Liz are staying very busy.

Bob reported the Edinburgh Smoke Free Ordinance had its first reading this week. It was suggested the second and final reading be moved to a larger area for the public. There is some opposition to the ordinance as some believe the membership clubs should be able to choose to be smoke free or not. This goes against what public health is about whether it be a profit or nonprofit business. As it stands now there are two for and two against the ordinance with one not decided.

Emergency Preparedness:

Betsy mentioned Jaycie Blanford is currently our site manager for our COVID site. She is doing an excellent job. We have several people that have continually helped keep our site going and we are going to try to keep those people on through the next grant. The current grant ends in June and another grant will pick up immediately to extend the clinics. It is still undecided where the clinic will go as our current location will need to be moved. She also mentioned we are one of the few health departments that ran both a testing clinic and a vaccine clinic. Many people are coming from other counties because their county does not have a clinic. Some people are intimidated by the computer registration so they just walk in. Some are accompanied by children or others who have helped them get signed up. With the indigent population as it is, many do not have insurance or doctors to go to and it would be prudent to have the COVID clinic at the Health Department.

We have joined forces with the mental health task force. The Franklin Police department hired a health social worker to work with the police department and other agencies throughout Johnson County.

Vital Records:

Cheryl reported on the DRIVE birth and death records system. It is still very difficult to use.

Breast Cancer Grant:

JoEllen will be taking over this grant. More updates to come in the next few months.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

 8/25/21

Dr. James Pease Chairperson Date