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August 24, 2022

The bi-monthly meeting of the Johnson County Board of Health was held at the Johnson County Health Department on August 24, 2022, at 7:30 am.

Board members attending were Dr. James Pease (Chairman), Dr. Michael Pauszek, Dr. Steven Stropes, Amanda Stevenson-Holmes and Tyler Klassen. Board Attorney Paul Hass was also present. Health Department staff attending were Betsy Swearingen and Lisa Brown.

The Meeting opened at 7:30 am. Dr. Pauszek made the motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting. The second was made by Tyler Klassen.

Health Officer's Report:

Betsy introduced Chele Heid and Elisa Horne as potential new board members. Jeanette Etnier, another potential member, was not able to make the meeting.

She also discussed the 4% proposed raise in salary by the County Council and the retention payment guidelines to be given to the county employees in September.

Nursing:

The nursing division has 1 active TB case.

COVID vaccinations are steady, bordering on busy. They have requested 2000 doses of both the Moderna and Pfizer Bivalent vaccines from the state. Those doses are set to arrive after Labor Day Weekend. Discussions of POD set-ups are underway between the preparedness staff and nurses. 60 to 100 needed doses a day is the current prediction.

Our School Liaison Shannon is very busy with school vaccination clinics. October 1st is the deadline for school vaccine requirements.

Blood Lead Levels have been dropped from 10 to 5 by IDOH. Case management will start at the lower threshold. We will track those hours along with the environmental assessment hours and will be reimbursed by the new state Lead Management Grant.

The nurses are providing Hep C and HIV testing here at the health department. Education, treatment and follow-up will be farmed out to the Damian Center or other local providers. Johnson and Shelby county numbers for both illnesses are on the rise.

We were one of 16 counties to receive the Monkey Pox vaccine. The tiers for vaccination have been outlined by the state and will be followed until further notice and a better supply of the vaccine.

Environmental:

Food and septic inspections are heavy.

Bob is still investigating the Swimley Pool rental fiasco.

The 2022 Johnson County Fair came and went with no issues. Food vendors are at an all-time low. This could be the new trend for years to come.

Emergency management:

Betsy explained the BASE and CRI Grants to the potential new board members. We received an additional \$20,000 in funds this year.

Greenwood Fire is asking for trauma kit supplies due to the tragedy at the Greenwood Park Mall. They were not equipped to handle the response and we will help every first response agency get the supplies they need.

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No report.

Breast Cancer:

No report.

New Business:

Tyler Klassen initiated a discussion regarding Narcan and a possible need for the Health Department to do a press release regarding our distribution of the drug to the public. We talked about education and the destigmatizing of substance addiction and ways to move forward in the future.

Dr. Pease will have knee surgery October 27th.

The next meeting will be on October 26, 2022.

There was no more business and the meeting was adjourned.

 10/26/22
James Pease Chairperson Date