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Johnson County Board of Health Meeting

The Board of Health met on June 28, 2023, in the conference room of the Health Department.

Those in attendance from the Board were Dr. James Pease, Chairperson, Dr. Michael Pauszek, Chele Heid, Ruth Freese, Steve Stropes and Amanda Stevenson-Homes. Others in attendance were, Paul Hass board attorney, Dr. Jefferson Qualls, Betsy Swearingen, Lisa Brown, Bob Smith and Cheryl Snider.

A motion was made by Dr. Stephen Stropes to approve the minutes and Ruth Freese followed with a second. The motion passed.

Health Officer's Report:

Dr. Qualls received a book on rankings of the Indiana health departments. It was the results of the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health's Indiana Local Health Department Workforce Assessment. Copies were provided to those who were interested.

There is an EMS shortage in Johnson County

TB is on the rise probably because of the immigration.

As of July 1st, we will be printing death certificates for other counties. This will generate a little bit of money for the Health Department as well as help the surrounding funeral directors.

Nursing Report:

As mentioned in the last meeting, the lead guide has gone from 10 to 5. This means the child has to be retested. We had two home assessments in the month of June and one set up for July.

A 3 year old found a dead bat in the backyard and picked it up. When tested, the bat tested positive for rabies. The child is currently being treated with prophylaxis.

NSG warehouse has an active case of TB. TB is extremely contagious and since the patient lives in Marion Co., they will do any investigation and administer any Quantiferon Gold tests needed. There are 1100 employees over 4 shifts and it's going to be difficult to narrow down closest exposures.

The nursing division is currently treating 20 cases of latent TB.

IDOH will begin requiring local health departments to go back as far as 2019 to reach out to positive QFTs that were reported in NBS by a lab, but not reported by a physician. Even though the requirement has not begun, Kiley has started to work back through the reports beginning in 2022 in anticipation of the requirement, thereby avoiding an overwhelming number of LTBI's all at once. IDOH has also stated that they will be reaching out with education for providers across the state to ensure all are aware of the reporting requirements for LTBI.

Environmental Report:

Bob reported all pools will be inspected by July 1st. So far we've closed six. The summer interns are helping with pools and food trucks.

Bargersville is getting their first splash pad. It will be completed shortly and will be up and running.

We are in full swing for septic installations.

Because of the dry weather, mosquito complaints are down but the contract for spraying with The Marion County Public Health Department has been signed and we are building our first list of complaints to give to them to spray.

As mentioned in previous meetings, we've had some issues with Athens restaurant. Tom (owner) has finally replaced the salad bar as we requested with a new one. He did not however get rid of the old one but decided he likes how the old one stores his crackers. There were complaints by a customer about a sewer smell radiating from the restroom down the hallway. We told him he needed to remodel the restrooms from the walls out. He did not remodel but bought new toilets. The Health Department has talked with his lawyer and it seems we are on the same page as to what needs to be done moving forward.

Emergency Management:

Today (June 28), there will be a table top exercise with the Indiana Railroad. This is done with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). This is the first time we have not written our own exercise. The only thing we do know is that it has to do with a train derailment. They have also built in a component for our preparedness with radiation so in coming grant years we can take advantage of grants as they come to help fund the program and be able to take any action necessary. Our grant year ends on Friday, June 30th so all reports have to be completed by the end of the business day that Friday. The new grant year begins on Saturday July 1st.

Due to Jennifer's retirement, Lisa Brown will be taking her place as the back-up for preparedness. She will be going to meetings and helping Betsy.

Shannon is being recognized by the Indiana Immunization Coalition and the State of Indiana as being one of the top school liaisons in the state. There is a dinner recognizing her tonight in Lebanon. She has done an amazing job.

In regards to the latest tornado, The Johnson County Health Department staff was activated on the Monday morning after the tornado. It was annotated to those in charge and there was no response of need of help. This response could be in reference to the area the tornado hit and the sustenance of the homes with insurance and what not. There is some unhappiness about the county's debris plan. There is a question about who pays for the clean-up. Betsy stated she got in touch with Jessie Biggerman with Solid Waste, who in turn got with Susie Qualls who is the Bargersville Town Council President. IDEM has also stepped in to help figure it out. Whiteland was in huge violation with their debris removal. They did not follow guidance set out by IDEM. They will now have to take classes to learn how to make a better plan for debris removal. FEMA will be in Whiteland for 365 days after the March 31st tornado. The length time they stay has several things factored into the algorithm.

Betsy stated her staff was remarkable on the Sunday of the most recent tornado. She had staff calling her asking where they needed to be and what they needed to do for emergency response. They were taking videos of the tornado and providing her real time information.

Vital Records:

Johnson County Vital Records is now legally able to print birth and death records for other counties. While we have offered to print death certificates, we will not be able to print birth records. The reason being, when the old state records system transferred to the new DRIVE system not all of the information transferred to the new system. Thousands of records all over the state are not complete. After a call to IDOH, they stated it was a glitch and there is not an easy fix. We are in the process of amending the state records from our own.

We have offered to print other counties death records on a case by case record.

Deaths for April – 93

Break down of deaths: Suicide 4 Tobacco use 9 Drugs 2 Communicable disease 1 (COVID)

There were 31 births in April.

Breast Cancer Awareness:

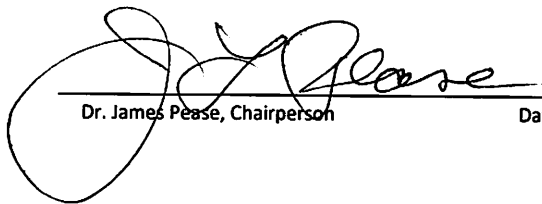
This year we have provided mammograms to 49 people and paid for 46 screenings. 3 were diagnostic, 3 were diagnostic with tomography. We have served patients from Bartholomew, Boone, Hancock, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, Shelby and Rush counties.

The screening clinic at Shelbyville's Major Health Partners was very successful serving 24 people in one evening. There were 3 who needed to return for ultrasounds and thankfully no cancer was detected. A big thank you to Dr. Pauszek and his students for the exams they provided for this event and to Caitlyn Fleener for her help with the intake.

We have used over \$6,000 of our \$2,400 budget. JoEllen plans to host a second event in Shelbyville, and would love to have a couple others working with Johnson Memorial and Morgan County.

New Business:

Chele Heid was introduced as the newest board member. Welcome Chele it is great to have you join us.



Dr. James Pease, Chairperson Date