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Johnson County Board of Health Meeting

The Johnson County Board of Health met on February 28, 2024 at 7:30 am in the conference room at the Johnson County Health Department.

Those in attendance from the Board were Dr. James Pease (Chairperson), Susie Baker RN, Dr. Michael Pauszek, Chele Heid, Dr. Steven Stropes and Ruth Freese. Those from the Health Department attending were, Dr. Qualls, Betsy Swearingen, Andrew Miller, Bob Smith, Lisa Brown and Cheryl Snider.

Chele Heid made the motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting Dr. Stropes second the motion and it was passed.

Health officer report:

Dr. Qualls passed out the Public Health County scorecard. We are currently focusing on meeting the parameters of what the other counties are doing with the funds we have. He has given a grade according to the percentage rate. Overall the Johnson County Health Department is doing well in accomplishing our goals. We will be working on all these rates as we go to the Commissioners for "Public Health Funds". We are already meeting the key performance indicators. Many of the programs are already in place such as smoking prevention, youth prevention programs but we will be focusing on these programs with new funds as they come in. We do not have an obesity prevention program in Johnson County which Dr. Qualls would like to bring into focus as we get the funding. Funding will not be used in only Health Department programs, it will also be filtered out to our partners in the community that do these programs already whether it be the hospital, Upstream or any other provider we work with. Our risk assessment numbers have gone up as the IDOH has lowered the parameters. To meet the requirements of the immunization, the department has to have after hour's clinics and such. Access to clinical care will be better fulfilled at our new building. We have a vision to hire a Nurse Practitioner. Our new building will have the facilities to accommodate that possibility. TB cases are up primarily because of immigration. WIC now under the "umbrella" of the Health Department. In the near future, Dr. Qualls will be coming to the Board with a plan to go to the Commissioners about the IDOH funds. Dr. Qualls feels like one of the Commissioners is ok already for taking the funds. There will be a meeting with the Commissioners, us and a representative from the State to discuss the funding.

The building is going well and we hope to have possession in October.

Nursing Report:

We have 44 LTB cases open right now. Some are on meds, some are being processed and some we are waiting on chest X-rays. It does take some time as we have to wait on physicians, pharmacies but some are on treatment. We currently have 2 active cases in which 1 has almost completed treatment and the other is still in isolation in the initial stage for about 14 days. Kylie has to watch them take their meds whether it be weekends or holiday's. 3 sputum are collected right at the beginning to see how infectious they actually are. The latter

patient was highly contagious so 3 sputum are collected each week until he has 3 negative collections. This particular patient unfortunately has had as many as 50 contacts. All but four people have been tested as of currently no one has come back positive.

Currently we have 15 individuals that have tested between 3.5 & 5 points. Nine individuals are over 5 points which means complete management, home testing, finding out where the source is coming from and education. All home visits have been completed. These individuals will have another test which has to come back under 5 points. The Health Department has three Environmental Health Specialist that have completed the Lead Assessor training and will go on to take the test so they can do home visits.

Indiana has had their first case of measles in Lake County. The 4 year old child had taken a trip to Florida where they have had some cases and attended a birthday party. All points pointed to a confirmed case.

We are trying to partner with Purdue Extension Office to have one wellness day a month. Our first lines up with National Walking Day on April 3rd. A two mile course will be mapped out for that walk and we are planning to pass out materials on wellness and possibly some information about how to view the eclipse safely.

Our bi-annual school nurse meeting was held last week. Several of the school corporations come as well as a couple of the private schools to talk about things they are struggling with and hopefully find out about what another district is doing and networking.

Environmental Report:

In the last meeting we discussed holding tanks for certain facilities as long as they maintained certain criteria. Marc Adams School of Woodworking has requested a holding tank which we are still waiting word whether it will be approved or not. Marc Adams has about 10 students but the facility is not close to the septic area so the idea is to have one restroom hooked to the holding tank. We can issue a permit, however we do not have a fee ordinance. Proposed fee ordinance is \$500.00.

The annual Tobacco Abatement Point of Sales is an audit done each year on approximately 120 randomly selected places that sell tobacco and vaping products. These audits go into the facility and see where the products are placed, are they easily assessable or are they locked up.

Some changes will be made by the FDA in the categorization of offenses with inspections. The categorizations wordage will go from "Critical and Non-critical" to "Priority, priority foundation and core".

Andrew does plan reviews for new food establishments and has been working on training sessions for plumbing backflow. The next training planned is in April and will be hosted by the Purdue Extension Office. The 61 people registered which includes 26 health departments, 1 professor from Purdue University, 2 inspectors from New Whiteland and 1 from a third party chemical company. These classes inform what backflow is, where it's located and what it looks like.

Betsy further reported there has been a model housing code submitted to our county attorney for review. This is in conjunction with the Johnson County Housing Coalition in hoping to adopt a housing code for Johnson County. Submitted bylaws will be housed under the "non-profit" Heaven Earth Church in Whiteland. The hope is to get some "affordable" housing in Johnson County for those who are working but struggle to buy groceries let alone get housing they can afford. Boon County is very similar to Johnson so it's hoped to adopt their building code.

Emergency Management:

Lisa and Betsy are sitting on the committee for the eclipse. The Health Department is in charge of developing the health plan for first responders. All of The Health Department staff will be working in several different capacities as will the Sheriff's and Highway Dept.

There will be two shifts, the Environmental Health Specialist and nurses will be in the field and the county will be split into Quadrants with each quad having Police, Fire and EMS. We know there WILL be communication issues as computers, phones and cell phones probably will not work. Johnson County has a well-defined HAM radio system intact with will be utilized. It is not sure how the EHS will move about, whether they go in pairs or go as a group to inspect the food trucks. Franklin is going to have 4 days of festivals. County offices and schools will be closed. It is estimated that 500,000 people will flock to our area. Atterbury will be opening their air space for an emergency helicopter. Betsy also stated she meets with Project Eclipse & is working on how to house already displaced homeless population. These people have already had their hotel rooms sold out from under them.

It has been agreed by all entities to pool all the opioid money together for the greater good. An advisory committee is going to be formed that will look over applications for the money decide how to dispersed. It does not matter if the entity is non-profit or not, just that they meet the criteria. We have money left over from 2022 and 23, we are about to receive for 2024. It seem as that this money will become as the Tobacco Settlement and 317 fund which became permanent.

We are partnering with Johnson Memorial Hospital with a sexually transmitted disease grant. The grant is \$500.00 and we're not quite sure what to do with it. We already do the testing, so what is needed is extended testing, treatment and education.

We applied for the supplemental immunization grant. This year to receive the grant, we have to submit resumes of anyone who touches the grant. So this would include Lisa, Betsy, Shannon all the nurses.

March 13th of this year district 9 is having their Health Coalition meeting. Betsy, Carmon Young from Whiteland, Eric Funkhouser, and Stephanie Sichting will be the keynote speaker for the meeting.

Vital Records:

Death:	Dec. 109	Birth:	Dec. 30
	Jan. 84		Jan. 25
Cause Death by:			
Suicide	Dec. 2	Communicable	Dec. 1
	Jan. 2		Jan. 1
Drug overdose	Dec. 2	Homicide	Dec. 1
	Jan. 1		Jan. 0
Tobacco Use	Dec. 7		
	Jan. 10		

We have a new receipt system we are working with. There are a few glitches to work out be we like it. Eventually, there will be programs added to it such as environmental, complaints etc.

Breast Cancer Awareness:

We were thrilled to be awarded \$17,674.28 from the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust Grant (IBCAT). The grant is designed to provide breast screenings and diagnostic procedures to help detect breast cancer. Through

the funding of the IBCAT grant we are able to offer services for people who are at or below the 250% poverty level and have no health insurance. The monies to fund these grants are 100% dependent on the sale of the Breast Cancer Awareness License plates.

We have partnered with St. Thomas clinic, Windrose Health, Franciscan Alliance, Johnson Memorial Hospital and Major Hospital to be able to provide this wonderful service to 94 ladies in 2023.

We were able to offer screening mammograms to 94 ladies, 12 of which required follow-up diagnostic mammograms with ultrasound or tomography. WE had one patient that needed a biopsy. Thankfully, no cancer was detected. We made contact with approx. 12 other ladies that did not follow through with their appointment. This goes to show there is a huge need for Breast screenings here in central Indiana.

Of the 94 ladies, 33 were white, 50 Hispanic, and 11 Asian. The average age was 52 with the oldest being 66 and the youngest being 40. The ladies live all over central Indiana, with 31 residing in Johnson Co., 26 in Shelby Co., 16 in Bartholomew Co., 10 in Marion Co., 3 in Morgan Co., 2 in Hancock Co., with 1 each from Boone, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, Hendricks, Rush Counties.

In April of this year, we hosted an extremely successful Breast Screening event along with Major Hospital in Shelbyville. We were able to examine and screen 25 ladies all on one night. A big thank you to Major Hospital, Dr. Pauszek and his students! I would love to expand this type of event to other area hospitals.

We were awarded over \$23,000 for 2024, and I am excited to see how many ladies this will help.

New Business:

Pictures were taken for the annual report. There was nothing else to report and the meeting was closed at 8:30.

Dr. James Pease (Chairperson)

Date