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The Johnson County Board of Health met on June 26-2024 at 7:30 am in the Johnson County Health Department board room.

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

The meeting began at 7:30 am. A motion was made by Dr. Steve Stropes to accept the minutes of the April meeting and Dr. Chele Heid second the motion. The motion was passed.

Health Officer:

Nursing:

TB

- Consistently between 40 – 50 LTBI's (latent Tuberculosis infection)
- 3 active cases
 - o 1 individual is non-compliant, travels back and forth between Indiana and California; Kiley performs DOT (directly observed therapy) via FaceTime when he is available; because he is non-infectious it is difficult to enforce consistent medication adherence
 - o 1 individual is at Kindred on a ventilator; he will be coming home once he provides 3 negative smears and is cleared to move out of isolation; family will be performing care at home, patient will not be coming off the ventilator
- 1 suspect case
 - o The individual was symptomatic, had a positive QFT (quantiferon), and immigrated from Haiti; she has negative smears, but due to risk factors, is on treatment until there are 3 negative cultures

We continue to see an increase in TB cases, both active and latent. Multiple factors contribute to this, but currently, the majority of open cases have immigrated from India, Haiti, Philippines, and Mexico. There are also several providers still not reporting positive TB tests if the chest x-ray is clear. Both the IDOH and JCHD are providing ongoing education in an attempt to decrease these numbers.

Environmental Report:

Bob reported we have interns that are really active this year. We are giving them educational activities to learn about pools, septic systems and food safety.

All pools that are open have been inspected. There have been 62 inspections made and of those 15 closures most of which are due to chlorine levels either being too low or too high. There have been 2 unsatisfactory bacteriological samples come back and after 3 unsatisfactory samples, the pool is closed.

The septic ordinance passed. This ordinance was looked at and passed by the commissioners.

Several temporary food events are happening in the near future. Immediately after we move to the new office, the fair will start and we will be back over there to inspect food trailers and tents. Farmer's Markets are in full swing. There are food vendors and non-profit booths.

The septic program is going strong. Many new septic systems being put in as well as repairs. In Amity, the "Sale Barn" is one project that has been going on for some time. The property has sold and a septic has been approved and installed. Now the owner would like to split it off and possibly put in a Dollar General. The proposed location of the Dollar General sits on the new septic and there is really no other place to put in another septic system. The owner has been referred to the IDOH for assistance.

In Bargersville a pole barn has been made into an event center. There is no record of a septic system on file without knowing how large the septic is, the owner has stated he will not have an event center. In Franklin another pole barn has been purchased by a man who converted it into an educational center with living quarters. They were also referred to the IDOH for guidance.

We are seeing a lot of sanitation issues in restaurant inspections. There are many we have to go back for follow up inspections. In extreme cases, Betsy would go out and see what the issue is and then possibly have an administrative meeting to clear up the situation. If not, their license could be in jeopardy.

Whitt's in was closed recently. Cleaning had not taken place in a long period of time. Unfortunately, the fine for not cleaning is only \$50.00. That is not a deterrent.

Andrew reported he has 25 projects right now including new facilities and remodels. The county is growing in pools, housing and restaurants.

Emergency Management:

The budget ends June 30th for BP-5. The new grant BP-1 is guaranteed for 5 more years. The money is spent usually spent before July 1st. This money is what we use to share with our EMS to buy supplies. These are typically bandages, blood clotting agents and other supplies. New Whiteland is requesting guide books so we will be purchasing 8 of these for them from that grant. January 1st we will be replenished with HIS funds so we will be able to do more with preparedness.

The CDC makes a determination, which goes to the CRI (City Readiness Initiative) then there is the Base Grant which is pulled down to the State. Every county chooses whether or not they want to be a CRI. If a county is, then they have to meet certain criteria. Money is given to the county based on population. All grants are funneled from the CDC to the IDOH. Some counties only take the Base Grant, others only take the CRI. We take both. HSI is the Governor's Public Health Fund and preparedness is just a portion of those funds.

There was a "Call Down" which was very successful. It is nice to have the software which makes it easier to notify people.

Vital Records:

April Births 35

April Deaths 111

- Drug related – 1
- Suicide – 1
- Tobacco related – 9

May Births 43

Deaths 95

- Cancer – 21
- Drug related – 5
- Suicide - 2
- Tobacco related - 15

Breast Cancer Grant:

We were Thrilled to be awarded \$23,424 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 were able to offer screening mammograms to 91 ladies, and 1 gentleman so far this year. We had 5 people who have needed diagnostic testing, but as of now, we have not had any cancer detected.

Recently we made contact with a group of doctors that work with uninsured people, in Marion Co. They have referred almost 30 People, nearly all of which are not English speaking. I have refined the way I call them utilizing the Propio Interpreter service that is provided through the WIC division. As of today we have \$6,806.89 left in our budget, and we are not completely half way through the year. JoEllen will be requesting more funds when she submits her second quarter reports.

In October of this year, we expect to examine and screen 25 ladies all on one night. A big thank you to Major Hospital, Dr. Pauszek and his students.

New business:

We are scheduled to move our office on July 8th & 9th with Greenwood Moving and Storage. As of right now, we have no fiber which means no internet. We are actively working get the issue resolved. We will be purchasing new software and such in order to help the County IT Department with funding. All the furniture is in and beautiful. The open house date is scheduled for July 24th @1:00. We lease the old building for the next 2 years, the thought is we could move the "Recovery Café" in.

There is really great new for the Para Medicine program. White River Township has their truck up and running with a paramedic. They have equipped the truck with the GELATA program for medical records. We will be taking over as the housing agent. Then, all of our partners will buy in links to the program. If a doctor enters into the program and has bought into the link, the paramedics will be able to see that information and will enable treating that patient more efficiently and get the wrap around care for that family. We are currently interviewing community health care workers that will go out with the paramedic to respond to these kind of situations.

Our budget goes to the Commissioners tomorrow. The HFI budget is not due to the State until September however the Commissioners wanted to look at it first. This is a budget of the 3.2 million dollars provided by the State. Our 1159 budget, 1206 budget and 1158 have all been dissolved and incorporated into the 3.2 million and will be called the Legacy Fund. The Legacy fund will become the HFI in January.

Update on the meth house on Thompson Str. in Edinburgh. Last week we received the certificate of clean from "After Meth".

The housing code did not pass. The Commissioners made it clear they are not interested in a code. After 22 years of struggling with the housing code, it is very disappointing for Betsy. Chapter 16 code can be enforced.

Sanitation, water, electricity, sewage disposal, gross filth and varmint infestation. To get to that is the hard part, it depends who you go through. It is easy to condemn a property, it is difficult to enforce.

There was no new business to discuss and meeting was adjourned at 8:28 am.

Dr. James Pease (Chairman)

Date