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The Johnson County Board of Health met on December 11, 2024 at 7:30 am in the Johnson County Health Department conference room.

Those in attendance were Dr. James Peace (Chairperson), Dr. Michael Pauzek, Dr. Chele Heid, Amanda Stevenson-Homes, Ruth Freese & Dr. Steven Stropes. Those in attendance from the Health Department were Betsy Swearingen, Lisa Brown, Cheryl Snider & Jaycie Miller.

The meeting came to order at 7:30 am. A motion was made by Dr. Stropes followed by the second from Dr. Pauzek.

Health Officer Report:

Report not available.

Nursing report:

There is one active case of TB and 64 latent cases that we are following. There are no new cases at this time.

The IDOH is following the Marburg Virus that originated in Rwanda.

Starting on 12-12-24 the Health Department will be offering after hours COVID clinics. We hope to offer Saturday hours at some point. It is hoped we can offer a clinic at least once a month. Right now we will focus on flu and COVID, then in March focus on kindergarten round up. The fee will depend on insurance. If they have insurance, it will be billed, if Medicaid, there is no fee up to the age of 19 years of age. A \$20.00 administration fee will be asked, but if unable to pay we will wave that fee.

The IDOH monitors the vaccine preventables. There is an increase in Pertussis cases with vaccinated individuals

Environmental Report:

Mia Papageorge is taking over the intern program. She is currently working on a new application for the position and will be interviewing applicants as they come in. Sometimes applicants like to work school breaks so we are working on a program for short term interns.

Food permits are out for 2025. We are working with the new Johnson County Treasurer in regards to getting information to the Treasurer's Office about new facilities and closed facilities. It is difficult for the Health Department to get all the information the Treasurer's Office would like. Facilities open and we license them then they may change owners without telling us or even close the facility and not inform us. All of these actions affect the tax base and we do our best to help disperse this information but sometimes we are the last to know. There are a handful of restaurants we will be holding their licenses for 2025 until improvements have been made. Sometimes this is the only way we can get them to do what is needed.

Septics are in full swing and new restaurants are going up everywhere. Johnson County is getting two new WAWA gas stations. WAWA is a like a Kacey's with a food area. One will be placed in Franklin and the other will be in Greenwood.

There are new facilities known as “Cold Plunge” pools coming to Johnson County. We’ve had to redo our application for pools to include this type of facility. However, we’ve had no guidance from IDOH regarding the facilities and are awaiting the new rules that may go into place.

Emergency Management/Preparedness:

We are currently finishing Quarter 2 deliverables which are due December 30th. There will be a “call down” in the next couple of days. There are problems with the automatic call system so Betsy is working on getting that straightened out. Today is the Johnson County EMS Task Force meeting. This group includes 911, EMS providers, hospitals and police and fire departments. This bi-monthly meeting is to discuss what is happening in the county and to determine what their needs are and how we can help them.

Vital Records Report:

There were 54 births October through November & 195 deaths. We had our first missing child case a week ago. A teenager came in to the office to get her birth certificate. When we pulled the record, it was flagged “missing” and we were instructed to call the Sherriff’s Department. We did call and it was determined she was once missing. Apparently when she was 3, she was kidnapped and taken to Mexico and sold to the Cartel. After several years she was found and taken back home. She was appreciative that we would take the time to care about her and try to help.

Breast Cancer Awareness:

We received over 150 referrals for breast screening services in 2024. We were able to screen over 120 of those referrals. We have completely exhausted our IBCAT budget of \$23,424.51 and have received a generous additional \$6,305.17 from the IBCAT Committee. If funding is short the Health Department has offered to cover the remaining costs with Health Maintenance funds. We are very proud of this program that reaches the under-served and un-insured people of Johnson and surrounding counties.

We did receive notification that we were awarded \$29,991.50 for 2025.

We have successfully gotten our information into the right doctor offices and expect 2025 to be as successful as this past year. Thank you for your support.

Community Health:

Our Mobile Integrated Health team is currently responding to non-fatal overdoses and substance use related crises. Jaycie is currently interviewing for a Community Health Worker part-time position so we have the opportunity to expand our program to fall prevention and chronic disease management.

There was no new business, the meeting was closed at 8:00 am.

Dr. James Pease (Chairperson)

Date

