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The bi-monthly meeting of the Johnson County Board of Health was held at the Johnson County Health Department on June 22, 2022 at 7:30 am.

Those in attendance from the board were, Dr. James Pease, Chairman, Dr. Michael Pauszek, Dr. Steven Stropes, Amanda Stevenson-Holmes and Ruth Freese and board attorney Paul Hass. Those from the Health Department attending were, Dr. Qualls, Betsy Swearingen, Bob Smith, Cheryl Snider, Jennifer Warner and Lisa Brown.

The Meeting opened at 7:30 am. Dr. Pauszek made the motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting. The second was made by Ruth Freese.

Health Officer's Report:

Dr. Qualls introduced Brittany Baker as a new potential board member. She is an occupational therapist who travels over most of the state. With her back ground, she has high interest in public health.

Covid cases are down to 30-40 reported cases per day. There are very few serious cases which require hospitalization.

There were high hopes we would have a new building in the next couple of years. This has been put on hold by the commissioners. The plan was to have a Johnson County government complex where the jail stands now. However this was ruled out as they cannot move the Highway Dept. They are still looking at a plan to put it near the hospital.

As Dr. Qualls has been here for over a year now, he would like to get the Health Department up to date as far as record keeping etc. We are looking in to some companies to get our records digitally recorded, it is still in the beginning stages.

Nursing:

All nurses have been certified in HIV and Hep C testing. They will start out as taking appointments possibly on Wednesdays and then go to a walk in basis. They do have some preventative measures such as condoms etc., but for a positive test the client is still referred out to Marion or Bartholomew counties. The nurses went to the Pride Festival in Greenwood to promote the HIV and Hep C testing.

They are working on recalling patients for routine vaccine catch up. The IDOH sends out a letter to those who need the routine school shots.

Beginning July 1st, the lead threshold will be dropped from 10 to 5. This may require more home visits.

The nursing division now has 2 active TB cases and 20 latent cases.

Shannon is our new school Liaison. She is there for the Johnson County schools for whatever they need whether it be helping getting the kids in for shots or tracking. She has already held clinics at the Franklin Amphitheater

with the Mobile Command truck. She will be going to any major event in Franklin, she has also gone to schools and will be holding a couple of events at the Health Dept. Shannon has kept two of the students helping with the COVID clinic to help with the mobile clinics.

Environmental:

Our Health Educator, Jaycie is working with Shannon to offer other types of services to the schools such as suicide prevention and other mental health social stigma issues. Paul may be working with Shannon to incorporate an asthma program for the schools. This program is just in the beginning stages.

The Health Department as applied for a grant the IDOH has offered to pay for the case management for lead cases. This will pay for Annie to do the case management and Paul and Jaycie and possibly Cassie to do home inspections for lead based contaminants.

Bob Smith reported a complaint from a neighbor of someone who was renting out his pool. It is was confirmed as a business known as Swimley. It is a website you can go to and rent out a pool (not the house) and is non regulated. With the business comes insurance in case of injury and another policy. The problem lies in that there is no testing of chlorine or bacteria. The man argued he does not lie under any jurisdiction that would enable t h e county to come in and check his pool. At that point Bob backed off the argument. He subsequently checked with the IDOH which stated they have no policy for that type of situation. They asked Bob to submit his thoughts and guidance on this and will start formulating guidance for that type of business.

Splash pad is up and running. The Hillview Country Club pool has been closed 3 times already this year for not enough chlorine and the drain cover was not on the drain.

Jen:

Temporary permit season is upon us and now that the Amphitheater is open there will probably be an event every weekend.

There are approximately 20 new projects for food facilities going up. There are also several remodels and renovations projects going on. The old Reds place in Bargserville is being renovated by Tax Man. Wing Stop is coming to Franklin.

July 1st. The new "home based vender" rule goes into effect. Those who would like to prepare food in their homes may do this now, however, they do have to have a safe food certification certificate. Now they are also allowed to "ship" food to anywhere in the state but they must keep records. The rule has changed for road side stands. Now you are able to have a stand anywhere as long as you can see it 100 feet from the road. Everything needs to be labeled according to state standards. The food they sell also has restrictions, which means nothing potentially hazardous. They may now advertise on line, make third party deliveries and also use door dash. That being said, some may never be checked out until there is a complaint or some gets sick.

There have been some municipalities in Greenwood who have been allowing construction on restaurants without doing a plan review with the Health Department. This causes problems when construction is done and it doesn't fit regulations. Then a cease and desist order has to be given.

Cassie and Andrew went hunting for Stewie Tattoos. He is tattooing people illegally and having tattoo parties without a license. He can be fined \$2,000 for any party we catch him at.

IDOH has passed new requirements for eyelash extensions. We are working with our legal department to implement eyelash extensions into our tattoo ordinance. No branding, scaring or horns. We are allowing implants. Such as cheek implementation, cheek earrings.

Emergency management:

Betsy reported, the testing cite for COVID is set to end June 30th. Another \$50k was given to the Health Department to extend the testing till the end of the year. We are one of the only Health Departments left that is testing. Our clinic will run 9am – 4pm Monday through Friday. The nurses will be taking over giving the COVID boosters by appointment only. The Nursing Division now has the 6m – 4y shots available.

The Health Department has received the contract for the preparedness grant for the 2022 – 23 grant year. This Runs from July 1st of this year to June 30th of next year. We received \$80k this year.

The Commissioners are looking at a possible 4% raise for county employees. The Health Department has approximately \$260k from Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement. Betsy and Dr. Qualls wanted to pass on some of the money on to health department employees so that they might have a little bit bigger raise than the 4%. There is a realization however there will probably be push back from the commissioners as they will have to figure how to sustain that pay after the money runs out.

At the last Commissioner's meeting, out of eight ARPA presentations, we were the only ones turned down for funds. The Health Department wanted to buy a vaccine mobile truck that would go to schools and different locations around Johnson County and give vaccinations whether it be school vaccines or COVID. This was turned down as the commissioners did not feel this was warranted and not a good use of funds.

An EMS taskforce was developed a few years back when Ebola hit to have some sort of response to infectious disease. This task force would include, EMS, Hospitals and Health Department's response to handling infectious disease. What we are running in to right now is, the smaller communities are having trouble maintaining their basic life support and advanced life support systems. We would like to look at our funds to examine how we can help to fund a paramedic who can get on a basic transport to provide the services of an advance transport. This is only in the beginning stages of development.

Vital Records:

	March	April
Child Death	0	1
Drug Intoxication	6	3
Homicide	1	0
Suicide	0	2
Total Deaths	102	88
Births	27	36

Due to the fact Jody is leaving, we have been training her replacement Ricki Freshour. She is doing a great job.

It was decided the minutes would be emailed from now on rather than mail it.

Breast Cancer:

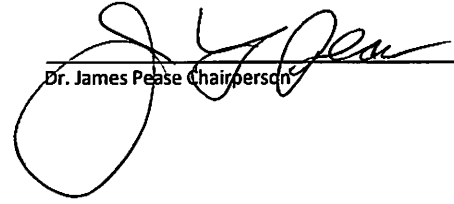
There was not have a current update on the Breast Cancer grant at the time of the meeting. A full report will be provided at the next meeting. Betsy did mention the grant is out of money for the year.

New business:

There were two ladies who expressed interest in being on the Board of Health. Brittney and Rachel were ask to come today to sit in on the meeting. The commissioners were not comfortable pick a member for us as both ladies were very qualified. Betsy stated she will go to the commissioners and give them her recommendation.

The next meeting will be on August 24th, 2022

There was no more business and the meeting was adjourned.



Dr. James Pease Chairperson Date

March Report for IBCAT

During the month of March we talked to and scheduled 13 ladies for mammograms that were paid for by the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Grant. Some of these ladies were contacts made thru our Partnership with St. Thomas Clinic.

We are planning a screening event at Major Hospital in Shelbyville on April 7th. We have communicated with Shelby County Health Dept, Major Hospital Partners who placed our information about the event on their social media and their business signage. Dr. Pauszek is planning to bring some student interns to do the exams and write the orders for the scans. We plan to have Yard Signs, and flyers placed throughout Shelby County. We also placed Public Service announcements in the Daily Journal and the Shelby News.

Four of the ladies were Hispanic while the remainder were white. All of the ladies income is below the 250% poverty level for Indiana, and none had health insurance.

April Report for IBCAT

During the month of April we talked to and scheduled 22 ladies for mammograms that were paid for by the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Grant. Some of these ladies were contacts made thru our Partnership with St. Thomas Clinic, while others were made through our efforts to for the Shelbyville/Major Hospital event.

We had a very successful Screening event at Major Hospital in Shelbyville. We had 29 ladies scheduled with 100% showing up for their appointments. Dr. Pauszek and 3 of his interns did the examinations.

Fifteen of the ladies at the Shelbyville event were Hispanic. MHP supplied an interpreter. One of the Hispanic ladies needed a follow-up diagnostic mammogram and ultrasound, which came back clear.

May report for IBCAT

We scheduled 2 ladies for screening mammograms in May. Both of the contacts were made through our partnership with St. Thomas Clinic. One of the ladies is Asian, and the other is white. Both meet all the requirements for income and no health insurance.

I contacted Johnson Memorial and Bartholomew County hospital to see if they would be willing to host a Screening event like we had in Shelbyville- both declined. Shelbyville has shown interest in having a second event. We have around 20 contacts already that may get scheduled if we were to host another event. The ladies income is below the 250% poverty level for Indiana, and none had health insurance.

June report for IBCAT

We scheduled 3 ladies for screening mammograms in June. Two the contacts were made because of the flyers placed on the bulletin board in the Vital records department, and business cards that were given to ladies who showed interest or had questions..

Of the \$10,000 awarded through the grant we have used \$8,340.40 leaving \$1,811.66 remaining for the second half of the year. With the remaining money, I plan to continue with St Thomas and schedule contacts made through them. We have enough funds for approximately 10 more screenings.

We received an announcement of a new program through the IBCAT that can provide up to \$150.00 to people who are currently in treatment for Breast Cancer in the form of a \$50.00 gas card and \$150.00 grocery card. Additional funds are available for people fighting other types of cancer as well. People should contact supportindy.org or call 317-257-1505 for more information. Flyers are on the bulletin boards in the Vital Records office, lobby and nursing departments of the Health Department