

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

August 14th, 2024, 12:30 p.m.
Public Health Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Board Members –Lois Roth, Mike Hampton, Debra Savage (Zoom)

Staff –Katie Reuter, Bruce Hudson, Kelly Carr

Guests – Bryan Messer, Melanie Patton, Steve Detrick, Jamee Hudson, Rachel Patterson-Rahn, Tessa Schroeder

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Roth at 12:31

- **Minutes** –Hampton made a motion to approve the 06/12/2024 minutes, Savage seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Public Comment** – Patton commented that the Planning and Zoning Committee is meeting on September 10th to discuss plans in relation to the wind project. Messer recommended moving public comments to the end of the meeting. Detrick recommended public health presence at school board meetings to promote early childhood programs.
- **Environmental Report** – Hudson reviewed the statistics and handouts were provided. Hudson continues to work with the DNR on a previous complaint. No new complaints. Hudson reports increased business over the past month.
- **Lee County Public Health presentations:**
 - A. Jamee Hudson: Report given with statistics provided on Collaborative Service Area (CSA) 13 which includes Henry County. Services provided include enrolling for presumptive eligibility for Medicaid, maternal child health grant. Immunization rates are reportedly lower in Henry County than other counties in the CSA based on IHHS data.
 - B. Rachel Patterson-Rahn: I-Smile program provides services at WIC and local schools. Washington County subcontracts as well. Provided statistics and updates on program.
 - C. Tessa Schroeder: 1st Five program review and statistics. Henry County's referral rate has increased but remains low. Schroeder reports difficulty reaching key stakeholders may be affecting referral rates.
- **Public Health Report-**
 - A. Amy Martin started on 06/19/2024 and is spear-heading a senior health fair scheduled for October 2nd, 2024 at the Calvary Baptist Church. Mandi Morin will be on maternity leave through November 4th, 2024 after her family welcomed a baby girl.
 - B. Budget was reviewed; expense and revenue reports attached. FY 24 ended under budget with revenues higher than expected.

C. Reuter reviewed a report highlighting 10 Essential Public Health Services and what public health is doing to provide services. Statistics embedded within the report.

- **New Business-**

A. Power outage policy: Due to two recent outages, policy drafted to address loss of power. Hampton made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Roth, and policy was unanimously approved.

B. IHHS updates: Reuter shared that Dr. Kruse, IHHS medical director, began scheduling monthly “Office Hours” in July. The IHHS realignment will not be on the next legislative agenda. Dr. Kruse reiterated that HHS sees a need for local public health presence.

- **Announcements and Adjournment** –Back to School Health Fair was held last evening, August 13th from 4-7 pm at Manning Hall. Kelly Carr gave a preliminary update on attendance; number of sports physicals nearly doubled, 80 vision screenings compared to 35 previous year. Waiting on dental and final immunization numbers. Staff plans to meet tomorrow to discuss successes and opportunities. The next meeting was set for September 25th at 12:30pm in the Public Health conference room. HIPAA training will be updated at this time. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.