

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

October 23rd, 2024, 12:30 p.m.
Public Health Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Board Members –Lois Roth, Mike Hampton, Debra Savage, Tyler Moeller (virtual)

Staff –Katie Reuter, Mike Dawson, Angie Rhum

Guests – Bryan Messer

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Roth at 12:32.

- **Minutes** –Roth made a motion to approve the 09/25/2024 minutes, Savage seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Environmental Report** – Dawson reviewed the statistics and handouts were provided. Three water tests were positive for coliform bacteria. Claims totaled \$1,186. Changes have been made to grant for environmental health; the cost of these services was reviewed. Reuter asked if messaging could be sent out for water testing; Dawson affirms this would be helpful.
- **Public Comment--**
 - A. No comments.
- **Public Health Report-**
 - A. September Board of Health Report was reviewed in detail and printed copies were distributed to the Board.
 - B. Budget was reviewed; expense and revenue reports attached. Expenses were under anticipated budget. Revenue is lagging, but \$28,331.19 has come in this month with \$24,898.60 remaining to collect.
 - C. Applying for Enhance Henry County Grant for website updates and cooking and nutrition classes. Food is not a reimbursable expense through the county; grant funding would help cover costs. Savage recommends partnering with Fellowship Cup who used to offer classes. Recommended checking with Methodist and Presbyterian churches for space for classes.
 - D. Henry County Health Center Foundation awarded public health \$3,000. This funding will be used towards senior services such as chronic care management classes and the Happy Feet program.
 - E. Pertussis cases have been on the rise, we have had at least 11 case investigations this month. Family Medicine and Rural Health Clinics have been notified, and Reuter plans to make a stop at Quick Visit to update. Most cases are vaccinated with DTap or Tdap.

- F. Numerous flu clinics have been held; 13 in total are planned. New London held a clinic on 10/21/2024 with increased numbers as compared to 2023.
- G. Senior Health Fair was successful; estimating around 65 participants. Final numbers are pending. Reuter states planning committee discussed holding event earlier in fall for 2025.
- H. Reuter commented that there has been an increased uptake in covid vaccines.
- I. Reuter is working with Walt Jackson at EMA to try to obtain more AEDs for our county.
- J. Angie Rhum gave a detailed report on CARELINKS, Care for Yourself and the environmental side of lead monitoring. Rhum shared a win from the CARELINKS program, saving a client approximately \$800 after assisting her with documents the client was about to part with. Rhum discussed training required for certification of lead inspectors; she recertifies every 3 years.

- **New Business-**

- A. Hampton raised concerns that there should be some type of service to help seniors with technology such as trouble shooting internet, cable and phone issues. Savage recommended partnering with Mike Heaton, a local community member. Roth recommends adding technology services to the community resource guide. Hampton asks if there are any grants for this type of service.
- B. Links to our Board of Health agenda and approved minutes are now available on the public health website.

- **Announcements and Adjournment –**

The next meeting was set for November 20th, 2024, at 12:30pm in the Public Health conference room. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.