

Hancock County Health Department
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2022

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Hancock County Health Department was called to order at 5:40 pm on Thursday, March 10, 2022, in Carthage by N. Krekel

Present:

In Person:

Karen Andrews
Nancy Krekel
Karen Beeler
Edward Owen
Jan Fleming

By Phone:

Absent:

Dale Quimby, DDS
Douglas Heighton
Monica Crim
L. Joe Smith
Andy Bastert
Melissa Pence

Others Present:

Amy Hall, Administrator,

Reports:

Home Health

The home health department had their license survey conducted the week of January 3-7, 2022. Individuals from IDPH were on site to conduct this review. The items that we had to submit a plan of correction to them were regarding reviewing policies annually especially home health emergency preparedness policy even if they are no changes with the BOH. They found that therapy didn't start their care within the five day time frame, if a physician's order states that we are to measure the wound at each visit or weekly that we need to do that even if the patient was at the wound clinic that week and the wound clinic did what a physician's order stated. We also didn't have Alzheimer's staff training that we were supposed to have. Teresa and I have already completed the Alzheimer's Association's EssentiALZ program. Teresa completed hers on January 20th and I completed mine on January 25, 2022.

COVID Grants

We received a grant for \$69,664.0 for COVID Crisis 2022-23 and a COVID Response grant for \$125,000.00

COVID-19 Contact Tracing

IDPH's surge center is handling individuals that test positive for COVID that are 65 years of age or older. LHDs are to handle outbreaks in LTC facilities. However, here in Hancock County we are still helping our schools and if community members call in with questions or need work excuses.

Fitness Center

I have switched offices with Coi so that I can run the fitness center. The flooring has been updated in that area. I'm looking to open the fitness center on March 7, 2022. I want to make sure to do that safely so we will still limit the number of individuals that can be in the fitness center at one time. We don't have the space to allow the chair exercise group to come back.

Regional Hazardous Waste Collection

We are looking at doing a regional hazardous waste collection with a few surrounding counties. It is in the early stages of planning so I will keep you posted on this event.

Nominating Committee

I'd like to have a meeting on March 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm to discuss potential replacement members for Dr. Quimby's position on the board. Does that work for Dr. Heighton, Karen B, Melissa, and Ed?

Finance Committee

I'd like to have a meeting on March 31, 2022 at 5:30 pm to discuss the cost allocation policy, agency's fiscal policy, and the agency's fraud, waste, and abuse policy. Does that work for Andy, Dr. Smith, and Monica?

By-Laws Committee

I'd like to have a meeting on April 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm to discuss the board's by-laws. Does that work Karen A., Jan, and Ed?

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2022, at 5:30 pm



Ed Owen, Board of Health Vice-President