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Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes January 18, 2023

Zoom meeting or Highway Committee Room at Jefferson County Highway Office

Board Members

Samantha LaMuro, R.T., Chair; Meg Turville-Heitz, Vice Chair; Steve Nass; Jessica Coburn, RN, PhD; Donald Williams, M.D.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by LaMuro at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call (establish a quorum):**
Board of Health Members Present: Steve Nass; Meg Turville-Heitz; Samantha LaMuro, R.T.; Jessica Coburn, RN, PhD (came in after roll call); Donald Williams, M.D. (came in after roll call). **Quorum established per LaMuro.**
Others Present: Elizabeth Chilsen, Director; Mary Bender, Public Health Program Manager; Michele Schmidt, Recorder; Samroz Jakvani, Epidemiologist (via zoom); Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Kendell Johnson, Public Health RN; Melissa New, Public Health RN; Holly Hisel, Environmental Health.
Guest: Supervisor Anita Martin.
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:** Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Approval of the January 18, 2023 Agenda:** No changes to the Agenda were requested. Motion by Nass/Turville-Heitz to approve the Agenda. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Approval of Board of Health Minutes for October 19, 2022 Meeting:** Turville-Heitz recommended to amend Agenda Items #5 and #6 to be "Motion passed 3-0". (Due to 2 Board members being absent for those votes)
Motion by Turville-Heitz/Nass to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed 3-0.
6. **Communications**
 - a. **Community Baby Shower:** New discussed the upcoming Community Baby Shower, which is scheduled for May 12, 2023. It is for 15 mothers in need. Turville-Heitz asked for the flyer to be emailed to the Board of Health members when it is completed. They have some donations but are still taking donations.
 - b. **The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act (S. 1658/H.R. 3110):** New and Johnson reported about this Act and what it entails.
 - c. **Wisconsin Association of Local Health Department and Boards (WALHDAB) Monthly Meetings:** Chilsen discussed WALHDAB. Chilsen said the Board of Health members are able to go to these meetings. Chilsen will send out invites to the Board of Health for these meetings.
 - d. **Radon Awareness:** Chilsen discussed that this month is Radon Action month, the Jefferson County Health Department, Watertown Health Department and Dodge County Health Department are giving out Radon test kits. Press releases have been done.
7. **Public Comment:** 1 guest commented on Agenda Item #12 and had a hand out.
8. **Approval of Health Department Financial Report:** Schmidt reviewed the "November 2022 Statement of Revenue & Expense Report". Motion by Nass/Williams to approve the financial report. Motion passed 5-0.
9. **Operational Update of the Environmental Health Division:** Hisel discussed the Environmental Health Division.
10. **Discussion and Approval of the Environmental Public Health Consortium 2022 DATCP License Fee Update:** Hisel discussed the 2022 DATCP License Fee updates and would like approval. Motion by Turville-Heitz/Williams to approve the Environmental Public Health Consortium 2022 DATCP License Fees. Motion passed 5-0.
11. **Discussion and Approval of the Environmental Sanitation Ordinance:** Hisel discussed the Environmental Sanitation Ordinance and would like approval. Turville-Heitz pointed out 2 spelling mistakes to correct. With the corrected spelling mistakes, motion by Nass/Turville-Heitz to approve the Environmental Sanitation Ordinance. Motion passed 5-0.
12. **Discussion on Air, Surface Water, Groundwater, and Health Concerns Relating to Animal Operations and their Regulation:** Chilsen updated the Board of Health regarding the Joint Committee meeting coming up. Chilsen commented that the Draft of the After Action Report is completed for the Palmyra chicken farm and will be able to share once it is approved by DATCP. Turville-Heitz asked questions about the pheasant farm in Ixonia. Chilsen/Wehmeier discussed the pheasant farm issues.

13. Discussion of the Public Health Divisions:

- a. **Review of 2022 Statistics:** Chilsen reported on an increase in lead testing, in home visiting programs, breastfeeding support issues, hearing and vision, Vivitrol in the jail - Williams helped to get this going, and decrease in Covid testing and Covid immunizations.
- b. **2022 Communicable Disease Statistics:** Jakvani reviewed the statistics. Jakvani discussed the slight increase in Covid cases but not hospitalizations.
- c. **2023 Objectives:** Chilsen discussed 3 areas, the Lead Program, Immunizations, and Maternal/Child Health Grant. The objectives were also discussed for the 2023 grants.
- d. **PPD Study:** Bender discussed the PostPatrum Discussion study. The Health Department was chosen to be a part of the study.
- e. **Childcare Lead Water Testing:** Chilsen discussed the testing of water in Childcare facilities in Jefferson County for Lead. The testing will be voluntary.

14. Discussion of the 2023 Spring Open House: Chilsen discussed the Open House, which will be on May 6th 2023 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Board of Health members are welcomed. Flyer is being worked on.

15. Future Agenda Items: Nass asked about the elderly population regarding the Open House.

16. Adjourn: Motion by Turville-Heitz/Williams to adjourn meeting at 2:31 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 19th, 2023

Minutes prepared by: Michele Schmidt, Accountant II, Jefferson County Health Department and reviewed by Elizabeth Chilsen, Director/Health Officer.