

MINUTES

April 15, 2019 Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

Members Present

Charles Choate
Dr. Barbara Ihrke
Dr. Chad Leighty
Dr. Jeffrey Miller
Chuck Poling
Dr. Noel Ratliff
Dr. Philip Renfroe

Members Absent

Staff Present

Dr. Moore	Tara Street
Peggy Bradley	Jeff Couch
Dale Carr	Dean Small
Amber Turner	Diedre Hamilton
Deidre Miller	Teanna Silverthorn
Lesla Dillon	

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5pm

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Leighty moved to approve March 18, 2019 minutes as written, 2nd by Charles Choate, unanimous vote.

Environmental Division Report

Peggy Bradley reported the Environmental Division activity since the March 18th meeting (attachment 1). Peggy stated the owners of Deerwood Mobile Home Park are planning to sell the property. Potential buyers will be required to bring the site up to code.

Foods Division Report

Dale Carr reported the Foods Division activity as well as a copy of the after activity report for a food truck turnover that occurred in Grant County on March 29, 2019 (attachment 2).

Nursing Division Report

Amber Turner reported Nursing Division activity from March 1st thru April 5th of this year (attachment 3). Immunization numbers are up due to a local pediatrician undecided about giving VFC. There are now two Grant County physicians providing Hepatitis C treatment. The newly reported Hepatitis C cases are showing a strong trend among younger patients.

Vital Records Report

Teanna Silverthorn presented the Vital Records report. Cause of death will be monitored for unusual trends.

New Business

Protective Vinyl Birth Certificate Sleeves - Teanna Silverthorn requested the Vital Records office begin offering protective vinyl sleeves for birth certificates. The requested fee is \$5.00 per sleeve. Dr. Leighty motioned to approve the requests, 2nd by Charles Choate. Unanimous approval.

Old Business

On-Site Septic Ordinance –Dr. Ihrke questioned why there have been multiple meetings and 5 proposals presented to revise the current ordinance which was passed by the Health Board on July 19, 2016. The original request for revision was to remove the ability for homeowners to install their own septic system. Mr. Poling would like to see the Health Department develop an open book testing process for certification in lieu of the current requirement for IOWPA certification. Dr. Ihrke stated it appears Mr. Poling has a vested interest therefore a conflict of interest in the septic ordinance. Dr. Renfroe feels the only assurance in quality of the septic process is in the permitting. Mr. Poling stated “If you guys insist on putting this IOWPA in here we, as contractors, will come together and start filing lawsuits against Grant County.” Mr. Poling believes the requirement for IOWPA certification is illegal due to IOWPA being a not for profit agency. After a great deal of discussion it was decided more information will be collected regarding processes and requirements in surrounding counties and will be presented at the next meeting. Dr. Renfroe motioned to table the matter for the next meeting, unanimous agreement.

Smoke Free Air Ordinance – A Grant County Smoke Free Air Ordinance was presented to the Grant County Commissioners in September, 2018. The Commissioners returned the ordinance along with a list of recommendations (attachment 5) for the Health Board to consider.

Guest speakers included:

- Kelly Hochstetler, Marion General Hospital Community Education Coordinator provided educational information.
- Miranda Spitznagle, Director of the ISDH Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Commission. Ms. Spitznagle provided educational information about the elements of the Tobacco Control Vaccine which include media campaigns, cessation resource access, smoke-free policies and tobacco price increases.
- Nick McLain, American Lung Association had read the recommendation of the Commissioners and found they were “not in the best interest of public health”.

The board went through the list of Commissioners recommendations, addressed each recommendation and made all recommended adjustments with the exception of #'s 6 & 7 to the original ordinance.

Public comments were made by:

- Jay Yeakle spoke against the ordinance
- Charlie Weaver spoke against the ordinance
- C.W. Lovelady spoke against the ordinance
- Jim Kramer spoke against the ordinance

Several members of the board voiced their appreciation to the speakers for voicing their thoughts. Dr. Renfroe stated it is not the responsibility of the board to decide economic policy but what is good for the health of the county. On that basis Dr. Renfroe moved to accept the ordinance, as amended, and it be submitted to the Grant County Commissioners. 2nd by Dr. Leighty. Dr. Miller stated the board is

charged with making recommendations and decisions based on the good of the overall health of the people of Grant County. Vote 5 yea, 2 no.

Fee Ordinance – Dr. Renfroe motioned to table the Fee Ordinance amendment for the June meeting, 2nd by Dr. Ihrke, unanimous.

Dr. Moore advised he will present preliminary ideas for dealing with the drug issues in Grant County at the June meeting.

Dr. Renfroe reminded the board they are to be coming up with an evaluation mechanism for the Health Officer.

Dr. Ratliff voiced appreciation to Health Department staff for the job they do. Dr. Ratliff also recognized the excellent job by Dr. Moore in dealing with media on the Deerwood Mobile Home Park issue.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Next meeting June 17, 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street