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Lee County Board of Health Report July 12, 2022

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Janice McCoy, Dr. William Long, Sue Shippert, Dr. Saad Blaney, and Courtney Kennedy. Board member absent was Katie White. Also present at the meeting were health department employees Cathy Ferguson-Allen, Angel Lillpop, Jen Kolb and LCHD intern Corey Lersch.

Guests Present: None

President Dr. William Long called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Cathy introduced the department's summer intern Corey Lersch, who is finishing up his Master in Public Health degree at NIU. Corey has been quite helpful working on the IPLAN process.

The minutes for the March 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

Public/Visitor Comments:

None

Monthly Financial Reports:

The March, April, May & June Financial Reports and April, May, June & July Claims Registers were reviewed and approved.

Administrator's Report:

Cathy reported:

- She is hoping the department's new website will be done by the end of August.
- The IPLAN process is right on track. A community survey, focus groups and key informant interviews have taken place. The community health committee has met twice-most recently to receive a compilation of primary and secondary Lee County data. The committee will meet again in late July where they will narrow down health issues to 3 priorities based on the data. Then a community health plan will be written. The committee will meet in August to approve that plan. The board of health will approve everything at its September meeting. After that, everything will be submitted to IDPH as part of LCHD's recertification process.
- County budget for next year has been submitted. She will present the budget to the board of health in September if she's received enough information from the county; otherwise it will be reviewed in November,
- The Whiteside County Community Health Clinic has been providing Medical Assisted Treatment in Dixon 2 days a week for Lee County residents with alcohol or opioid dependence. Their current space in the old Lee County jail will soon no longer be an option. Cathy asked board

members to let her know if they had thoughts on potential spaces available for use. Getting these services available locally was such a positive thing; she hates to see Lee County lose this.

- The department has been doing outreach at various summer events including the Child's Fair, PRIDE Fest and City Market; all of which have had great turnouts.
- A recent success story to share: a client came in for Hepatitis C testing. While she was here, a nurse shared a flyer on our various services. The client stated she hadn't had her COVID vaccine yet, so the nurse provided her first dose. The client also mentioned being overdue for her annual exam, so while here she was able to see our provider and receive that. It was great to be able to help this client receive a variety of services she may not have otherwise received.

Division Reports:

Maternal & Child Health:

Lisa on vacation-Cathy had nothing to add to her written report.

Fiscal & Front Office Services:

Angel discussed all the grant year end reports, purchasing and budget preparation for applications for next year's grants that happen this time of year.

Community & Personal Health:

Becky not in attendance. Cathy had nothing to add to her written report.

Environmental Health:

Jen discussed the nuisance committee that has been formed in an attempt to resolve some longstanding problem properties. She and Ashley Poore have both passed their lead assessor exams and will now be training with the IDPH regional office for home inspections for individuals found to have elevated blood lead levels. Ashley and Sam Bay have made it through their first Petunia Festival. Other large events coming up for them include the Lee County Fair and Amboy Depot Days.

New Business:

Cathy presented information on Dr. Patel who wishes to fill the required dentist spot on the board of health and Emily Rose who wishes to fill the other vacancy. The board approved recommending these candidates and requesting their appointments by the county board at its July meeting.

Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is September 13, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Ferguson-Allen, M.P.H.
Administrator