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Lee County Board of Health Report March 8, 2022

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Janice McCoy, Dr. William Long, Sue Shippert, Katie White, and Dr. Saad Blaney. Board members absent were Dr. Patrick King and Courtney Kennedy. Also present at the meeting were health department employees Cathy Ferguson-Allen, Angel Lillpop, Becky Morris, Lisa Wiggins and Jen Kolb.

Guests Present: None

President Dr. William Long called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes for the January 11, 2022 meeting were approved.

Public/Visitor Comments:

None

Monthly Financial Reports:

The January & February Financial Reports and February & March Claims Registers were reviewed and approved.

Administrator's Report:

Cathy reported that things have slowed significantly with COVID. Last time mitigations were lifted, there was another resurgence, so that of course is a possibility, but staff is enjoying a bit of a breather and the opportunity to work on some other things.

The next round of IPLAN is due to the state this fall. KSB also has to do a community health needs assessment this year, so the two organizations will work together. LCHD has secured grant money to hire a consultant to coordinate this process.

Cathy submitted an application to the CDC to be a host site for a public health associate. She won't hear results for several months. It's an incredibly competitive program.

Division Reports:

Maternal & Child Health:

Lisa reported that our new nurse started yesterday and the division is fully staffed. An attempt had been made to get our lead program up and going some time ago, but then COVID hit and it was delayed. We now have a nurse who is handling the program and doing a great job.

Fiscal & Front Office Services:

Angel described the process she went through to get our reimbursement request to FEMA. We were able to recoup a good amount of our mass vaccination costs that weren't covered through grants. Everyone at FEMA was very helpful when she had questions.

Community & Personal Health:

Becky explained that our new Physician Assistant has a broader scope of practice than our former provider, allowing us to do some things in-house that we had to refer out before. The division has some good ideas and is glad to have some time to do other things besides COVID.

Environmental Health:

Jen discussed that she and Ashley Poore would soon be taking training for the environmental health portion of the lead program. Currently our department does the nursing portion, but if there is an elevated blood lead level, the state regional office comes out to do the home investigation. Once trained, we will be able to do that portion. Jennifer also discussed working with KFC as they make needed corrections prior to reopening. She has a couple of business owners she is working with who lack the space needed for proper septic systems. She'd really like to see the municipalities establish community sewer systems; perhaps with assistance from EPA grants.

New Business:

Jen walked the board through two proposed EH policies for Cottage Food; one regarding registration and the other regarding foodborne illness investigations. Both policies were approved.

Old Business:

None

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is May 10, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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