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Lee County Board of Health Report May 9, 2023

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Dr. Saad Blaney, Katie White, Dr. Shailee Patel, Dr. William Long and Janice McCoy. Board members absent were Sue Shippert, Courtney Kennedy & Emily Rose. Also present at the meeting were health department employees Cathy Ferguson-Allen, Angel Lillpop, Lisa Wiggins & Lupita Serrano.

Guests Present: None

President Dr. Long called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes for the March 14, 2023 meeting were approved.

Public/Visitor Comments:

None

Monthly Financial Reports:

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

Administrator's Report:

Cathy reported that Jen Kolb marked 25 years with LCHD last week. She will be recognized at this month's county board meeting and tomorrow's staff meeting. Also, LCHD's new commercial is airing. This was completely paid for through a grant.

Division Reports:

Maternal & Child Health:

Lisa shared the following success story:

One of our prenatal clients delivered at 30 weeks' gestation. The infant was transferred to Lurie's Hospital and was in the NICU for the first 5 months of his life. A recertification appointment was completed on mom after delivery as she pumped breastmilk so she could breastfeed her infant exclusively. Her infant was on respiratory support for 4 months and discharged home on a feeding tube and O2. Mom came in to pick up a breast pump and talk about her experience with our MCH staff. She commented that she is so happy to have our WIC staff involved because "you all were the only ones who contacted me and offered support" through his hospital stay. She was very thankful for the calls, texts and support she received from her breastfeeding peer counselor and the other MCH staff.

Lisa also reported that any MCH client who indicates drug use will be offered naloxone and trained on its use. The Pneumococcal 20 vaccine has been approved by the FDA.

Fiscal & Front Office Services:

Angel reported that she has been working on our 340B drug pricing program recertification as well as our Medicare revalidation. We are getting very close to completing our large records disposal project. We are awaiting approval from our state archives person. She also provided a PowerPoint presentation on the work in our fiscal division.

Community & Personal Health:

Cathy reported for Jenny that our new Family Planning support staff Kim started in April. She continues to complete required trainings and is already scheduling and doing patient intakes. Courtney & Michelle recently provided education to Amboy High School students on STIs, our Family Planning services and school & sports physicals. Last week the Family Planning staff had a Facebook Livestream event to discuss services and introduce staff and their roles. It was very well received and viewed by a large number. We will have walk-in clinics on May 11 & 12 for individuals who now qualify for a 2nd bivalent booster-65+ and persons moderately or severely immunocompromised.

Environmental Health:

Cathy reported for Jen that we received our food review report from IDPH's Food, Drugs & Dairy division. Food, well and septic programs are all in substantial compliance with the local health protection grant standards. Ashley has been working with another county to assist them with the FDA standards grant. Sam is working with several mobile food vendors and the commissary requirements. Forms are being updated to reflect the commissary agreements required for mobile food units.

New Business:

Proposed Well & Septic Code Updates-Following discussion and questions, the board voted to approve the changes as presented. These, along with the prior approved Food Code updates will be taken to the county services & executive committees next week and to the full county board the following.

Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is July 11, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

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