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Lee County Board of Health Report May 14, 2024

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Sue Shippert, Dr. Saad Blaney, Janice McCoy, Katie White, Dr. Shailee Patel & later, Dr. William Long. Board member absent was Emily Rose. Also present at the meeting were health department employees Cathy Ferguson & Angel Lillpop.

Guests Present: None

Vice-President Dr. Shailee Patel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes for the March 12, 2024 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 informed the board that a bachelor's level public health intern will begin next week and complete 300 hours.
- The internal workgroup completing a security risk analysis for electronic protected health information has completed the analysis other than waiting on a few things from our IT vendor.
- Angel & Cathy are representing the department in a statewide initiative called The Illinois Public Health Capacity & Cost Assessment. They attended a virtual orientation last week. This assessment is part of the larger Illinois Public Health Workforce Transformation Initiative. Through the capacity & cost assessment, Illinois governmental public health agencies will document their current implementation of Foundational Public Health Services and identify needed investments & resources to fully implement these services in the future. The Policy Practice & Prevention Research Center of UIC & the University of MN School of Public Health are facilitating the initiative. The end goal is to use the comprehensive data collected to advocate for better funding for public health in Illinois.
- The state's Family Case Management program is being overhauled. Only high-risk families will be served through the program and grantee requirements are changing. The application process will be competitive this year.
- LCHD received a mini-grant of \$2,000 from the United Way of Lee County to purchase incentive items for our clients who breastfeed.

- We will again host summer preceptor students; several from various disciplines will each spend a day with us; the public health student will be here several days. We are also hosting the new KSB residents for two half days.
- An application was submitted for another round of funding for the Residential Sharps Collection program, which is going very well. If granted, the new money will run through June 30 of 2025.

Division Reports

Community & Personal Health:

Cathy reported for Jenny:

- Elizabeth, our new Infectious Disease Coordinator is doing a terrific job
- Two new services we are offering are strep throat testing and PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV).
- We have increased advertising for our women's health services in light of KSB's planned affiliation with OSF, which is anticipated to affect certain services currently offered through KSB.

Fiscal & Front Office:

Angel informed the board:

- We will soon be receiving FY25 grant applications. All of our pre-qualifications are met and in the GATA system so we'll be set once they come out.

Maternal & Child Health:

Cathy reported for Lisa:

- We've signed a new MOU with Head Start to work more closely together where possible
- Lisa and Sam (EH Division) both attended the recent Farmer's Market meeting and answered a lot of questions. LCHD will again participate in the WIC Farmer's Market program that provides vouchers for fresh produce to WIC clients.
- Our nurse Ashton is hosting a nursing student for her peds rotation; late May through early July.

Environmental Health:

- Cathy reported that staff are starting to do tick drags, which is new for us this year. This is active tick surveillance to find different types of ticks and to determine where they are most prevalent.
- Nuisances are ongoing. Each one is different, so developing a method of operations isn't always easy, but they are trying to standardize the best they can.
- Dixon Fire Department is checking all food trucks operating within Dixon City limits. They do a fire inspection to ensure compliance with all fire safety regulations.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is July 9, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Ferguson, M.P.H.
Administrator