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Lee County Board of Health Report January 10, 2023

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Dr. William Long, Dr. Saad Blaney, Emily Rose, Sue Shippert, Katie White, and Janice McCoy via Zoom due to traveling for business. Board members absent were Courtney Kennedy and Dr. Shailee Patel. Also present at the meeting were health department employees Cathy Ferguson-Allen, Angel Lillpop, Lisa Wiggins and Jenny Conderman.

Guests Present: None

President Dr. Long called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

The minutes for the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

Public/Visitor Comments:

None

Monthly Financial Reports:

The November & December Financial Reports and December & January Claims Registers were reviewed and approved.

Administrator's Report:

Cathy reported:

- LCHD will host an intern for the spring semester; a student wrapping up her MPH degree. She begins next week and due to her interest in infectious disease, will spend time learning from and helping our infectious disease staff. She will also be working on a presentation for staff on cultural competence in public health messaging.
- Two employees will mark 25 years of employment this year, and Cathy will mark 20 years.
- Dr. Sameer Vohra, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health will be visiting KSB and LCHD on March 17.
- Cathy shared a thank you note from Sinnissippi Centers for the FY23 funding allocated to them.

Division Reports:*Maternal & Child Health:*

Lisa reported that the fluoride varnish program for clients 6-36 months of age is now being resumed and discussed various types of pneumococcal vaccines.

Fiscal & Front Office Services:

Angel reported that the county 2022 audit is starting and she's been pulling information for that. The department is researching other vendors for accepting credit card payments. The current vendor has been used for quite some time and additional fees seem to keep popping up.

Community & Personal Health:

Jenny stated that the Family Planning program has seen a markedly increased number of patients since our Physician Assistant joined our staff. She also shared some comments from our client satisfaction survey, which were overwhelmingly positive. One client said that she had never felt so heard and supported as during her appointment. Infectious disease and family planning staff have been completing required trainings. Dr. Blaney suggested anonymous testimonials could be using for marketing.

Environmental Health:

Cathy reported on behalf of Jen that she has been spending a fair amount of time working on nuisance cases for the county. She has been researching food fees in our region and we hope to have some proposals for the board at our March meeting.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is March 14, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

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