

Grant County Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

5:30PM

PRESENT: Carol Beals; Dwight Nelson; Greg Fry; Steve “Porter” Wagner; Robert Keeney; Matt Andrews; Mary Kay Logemann; Jeff Kindrai; Amy Miller.
Excused: Neil Martin, MD

Call to Order: Carol Beals, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Open Meeting Law Certification: The meeting was posted in County buildings, on the website and sent to the media.

Approval of Agenda: Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Steve “Porter” Wagner. Carried.

Approval of Minutes (6/26/18): Greg Fry made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/26/18 meeting (with the notation that Dwight Nelson and Mary Kay Logemann were excused from that meeting), second by Steve “Porter” Wagner. Carried.

Vouchers (June/July): Vouchers were reviewed. (June totaling \$57,289.03 and July totaling \$41,803.79). Steve “Porter” Wagner made a motion to approve the June and July vouchers, second by Mary Kay Logemann. Carried.

Monthly Financial Reports (June/July): The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed. Mary Kay Logemann made a motion to approve the June and July Monthly Financial Reports, second by Steve “Porter” Wagner. Carried.

Loan Closet Financial Reports (June/July): The Loan Closet Financial Reports were reviewed. Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the Loan Closet Financial Reports for June and July, second by Matt Andrews. Carried.

Seminar and Training Updates (June/July): Greg Fry made a motion to approve the Seminar Training Updates for June and July (with a correction or explanation on the mileage for training on one workshop), second by Steve “Porter” Wagner. Carried.

Discussion of Board of Health Meeting Dates Including Possible Changes in October and December: The October meeting will be changed to the 5th Tuesday (October 30) and the December meeting will be changed to the 2nd Tuesday (December 11). Both meetings will be at 5:30pm.

2019 Budget: Discussion regarding the budget for 2019 occurred. The Health Department levy request will be kept the same for 2019 if possible. Carryover will be used in several programs. Carry over will also be used to support a new electronic medical record (EMR) and hardware/software if necessary and to support the new nursing position if necessary.

Environmental Health funding, Prevention Block Grant funding and Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant funding have been requested from the other counties in the consortium. It has initially passed their Boards of Health but not their County Boards. A ten percent increase in health insurance and approximately a four percent increase for wages (for eligible staff) is expected in 2019.

Lean Initiatives and Quality/ Performance Improvement Reports for Public Health, Home Nursing and Hospice:

Public Health is still working on an orientation/on boarding project that got placed on hold; Immunizations may be the next project.
Home Nursing is working on improving bed transfer improvement
Hospice is working on covered medications and pain assessments.
Both Programs are working on timeliness of orders.

Update on Goals: Our needs assessment data has been updated. A grant was obtained to help do focus groups which are anticipated to occur before February 2019.

A high level review for an alternate EMR occurred. Two solutions remain under exploration. There is clear potential to save money and improve efficiencies but further review is needed. The process was placed on hold when proposed policy changes threatened to lapse the intended funding for the switch. The new target date if a switch were to occur is mid-2019.

The departmental restructure is complete and all vacant positions have been filled. Several benefits have already been seen but refinement of duties is still needed.

Staffing Requests and Updates: Some staff injuries and FMLA time has resulted in some challenges.

Director's Report: Jeffery A Kindrai, MSPH, RS.

At our last Department Head meeting we found out that the County is \$320,000 short (after proposed carryover and general fund additions) for 2019. Some areas to explore for potential savings include health insurance changes to the amount the County pays for single plans, a reduction in sick leave time offered, and unpaid holidays or reduced work week hours for some departments. Next time we meet we may have revised health insurance benefit costs since the coverage is out for bid.

Lafayette County interviewed two Health Officer candidates and hope to make offer soon. We have been providing services since October of 2017. Grants, EMRs, training, measles cases were also discussed.

Assistant Director's Report: Amy A Miller, RN, BSN.

The Assistant Director discussed payment reform, changes in required documentation, and ICD 10 changes that will occur in October.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Adjournment: Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn at 6:41pm, second by Greg Fry. Carried.