

Grant County Board of Health

October 27, 2020

5:30pm

PRESENT by Zoom: Carol Beals; Dwight Nelson; Robert Keeney; Mary Kay Logemann; Greg Fry; Dr. Matt Andrews; Porter Wagner; Dr. Neil Martin; Amy Miller

Also on Zoom: John Beinborn; Joyce Roling; Grant County Herald Independent; Donna Swanson

Present In person: Jeff Kindrai; Robert Scallon; (and Shane Drinkwater)

Call to Order: Carol Beals, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Open Meeting Law Certification: The agenda was posted online, sent to the news media and posted in county buildings.

Approval of Agenda: Greg Fry made a motion to approve the agenda moving item 13 up to after item 4, second by Dwight Nelson. Carried

Approval of Minutes (08/25/2020): Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting, second by Mary Kay Logemann. Carried.

Director/Health Officer - Excess Hours Due to COVID-19 and Staffing Shortages. Request to Carryover Vacation or Otherwise Address (moved): Discussion occurred. Due to COVID-19 the Director/Health Officer has worked hundreds of extra hours and has been unable to take off work. He currently has 169.75 hours of paid time off that will be lapsed if not used on January 5, 2021. Greg Fry made a motion to allow the carryover of 40 hours of the unused vacation into 2021 per County policy, second by Dwight Nelson. Carried

Vouchers: Greg Fry made a motion to approve the vouchers for August and September, second by Dwight Nelson. Carried.

Monthly Financial Reports: The monthly financial reports for August and September were reviewed. Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the August and September Financial Reports, second by Mary Kay Logemann. Carried.

Seminar and Training Updates: None

COVID-19 Updates: A full report was given on COVID-19 cases. A report was given on community testing. An update on COVID-19 vaccine was given. Mary Kay Logemann made a motion to indicate Board of Health support for Grant County Health Department Staff in their efforts in making our County safer and encouraged residents to wash their hands, wear masks, and watch their distance, second by Greg Frey. Carried unanimously.

2021 Budget Update: The 2021 budget was discussed. The County received about \$5,000 more in shared revenue as a result of re-calculations and moving to become a level 3 health department. The total levy request for the department was now \$44,429 lower than what was approved by the Board of Health in August.

Continuous Improvement Reports for Public Health, Home Nursing, and Hospice: Projects are currently on hold due to COVID-19

Update on Goals: On hold due to COVID-19

Staffing Requests and Updates: An update on COVID-19 staffing was given. The intent to hire a contact tracer that may assist with testing activities was expressed. The Board was notified of the hiring of Christopher Baird as the new WIC Director/Dietitian.

Grant Requests – DOT Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant: A motion to formally apply for the DOT child passenger safety seat grant totaling \$2,753 with \$700 in match from in-kind contributions of time was requested. Motion by Mary Kay Logemann to approve the application, second by Grag Frey. Carried.

Director's Report: (Jeff Kindrai, Director): The patient census is up in Home Health. We have requested staff to catch up on billing for both Home Health and Hospice so that we can better assess the need for Provider CARES Act funding. Flu shots were given at businesses, Elderfest, and special clinics. Some of the schools have been completed as well. About 7% more people are vaccinated against the flu in the State than at this time last year.

Assistant Director's Report: We are testing Hospice staff for COVID-19 regularly. Notice of admission for Home Health will be required soon. Some childhood immunization clinics were held.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Adjournment: Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn at ~7:13pm, second by Dr. Neil Martin. Carried