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Lee County Board of Health Report September 10, 2024

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Lee County Health Department.

Board members present were Sue Shippert, Dr. Shailee Patel, Piper Grazulis, Dr. William Long, Dr. Christine Doyle and Emily Rose. Members absent were Janice McCoy and Katie White. Also present at the meeting were health department employees Cathy Ferguson, Angel Lillpop, Lisa Wiggins, Jenny Conderman & Samantha Bay.

Guests Present: None

President Dr. William Long called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed new member Dr. Doyle to her first meeting.

The minutes for the July 9, 2024 meeting were approved.

Public/Visitor Comments:

None

Monthly Financial Reports:

The July & August Financial Reports and August & September Claims Registers were reviewed and approved.

Administrator's Report:

Cathy reported:

- Two compliments we've recently received included one from a client who had experienced difficulty with breastfeeding; our peer counselor was able to work with her and help her be successful; she is still breastfeeding at over a year. The other was from a vendor getting his temporary permit for Depot Days, and we'd also permitted for Petunia Festival. He said that he likes the Ogle County people he works with, but that LCHD was amazing to work with-we were kind, informative, on-time and it was a pleasure to work with us.
- She will send out the FY25 budget prior to the November meeting. She discussed our budget hearing and her concern that the finance committee's goal seems to be reducing our reserves to 4 months. She is not comfortable with having less than 6 months.
- Our Emergency Preparedness/Community Health Plan Coordinator Lupita Serrano is participating in the "New to Public Health Residency Program". This is a collaborative effort between IDPH, UIC Policy, Practice, & Prevention Research Center, Region V Public Health Training Center & the University of WI. This is a 1-year program-participants complete online modules and have monthly facilitated discussions online. Each participant will have an experienced mentor to support their professional development. This is completely free. Cathy is pleased that Lupita wanted to participate and that she was selected.

Division Reports

Community & Personal Health

Jenny reported that TB testing has increased. IDSS, the new infectious disease state platform is being used in part. This will eventually be the only platform, but programs are gradually being added so for the time being, staff are using two different platforms. Ten flu clinics are scheduled throughout the county- we're going as far as Paw Paw. Family Planning has been busy-especially with STI testing. We had 4 in-house positive chlamydia tests in a recent week. Jenny discussed a new test we are using with high-risk or symptomatic female patients called Visby. This tests for gonorrhea, chlamydia and trich; with results available within 30 minutes. This is helpful for patients not having to wait for results and allows us to get positive individuals started on treatment immediately. Courtney has done 78 school and sports physicals this year to date.

Fiscal & Front Office

Angel informed the board that most of our FY25 grant contracts have been executed; things have been more timely on the state's end this year. She has received the IDHS SFY25 year-end reporting package which requires our board president's signature.

Maternal & Child Health

Lisa reported that we've again been hosting student nurses from SVCC. She recently submitted a newly required vaccine plan for offsite clinics. This has been approved. We now must provide 48 hour notification prior to doing an offsite clinic. The state has a new system for the APORS/High-Risk Infant program. We were recently able to help a resident get their Shingrix vaccine, per their physician's request- because it was off label, their insurance wouldn't cover it. We were able to order through the state's Vaccine for Adults program and administer. Our new nurse Melissa Melton started today.

Environmental Health:

Sam shared with the board that she's been working on ongoing nuisance cases with other county entities. We've wrapped up our West Nile Virus mosquito testing for the season-we had 3 positive pools. Tick drags will start up again in October.

New Business:

Proposed food code revisions were presented and approved. Next they will go to the Public Safety & Executive committees of the county board; then hopefully to the full board to be placed on the October agenda; laid over and voted on in November.

Old Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is November 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Ferguson, M.P.H.
Administrator