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Lee County Board of Health Report

March 11, 2025

The Lee County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Lee County Health Department.

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

Guests Present: None

President Dr. Shailee Patel called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Because there was not a quorum present, no action could be taken.

Public/Visitor Comments:

None

Monthly Financial Reports:

March claims were signed and will be formally approved by the board at the May meeting.

Administrator's Report:

Cathy reported:

- A human resources coordinator has been hired for Lee County-Susan Gillepsie. She comes to us from Whiteside County Health Department/Clinic. Cathy will meet her tomorrow at a department head meeting.
- The department was recently visited by someone doing a first amendment audit. Fortunately, staff have received information and training on this and it was handled perfectly. There was nothing of interest for him to post on his social media.
- We recently recognized Lisa Wiggins for 30 years of employment.
- We have an internal team reviewing our measles plan and updating as needed, We've been putting out messaging via social media.
- We've received several phone calls and messages of thanks for ensuring access to family planning services in Lee County.

- We are partnering with Rep. Fritts' Office and the YMCA to host a residential sharps collection event. This will be held May 8 from 4-6 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Y. Sharps will be disposed of through LCHD's vendor, via their residential sharps' disposal grant from IEPA.
- Cathy recently sent the board some sample review tools. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Division Reports

Community & Personal Health

Jenny noted that our state Family Planning program review is scheduled for March 20. The program has been busy with OSF referrals. She then provided some statistics and other information related to the current measles outbreak in the U.S.

Fiscal & Front Office

Angel mentioned that the treasurer's office is moving towards ACH payments. Employees have been given this option for reimbursement checks; and we've tested with a few of our vendors. It's going well.

Maternal & Child Health

Lisa informed the board that our Family Case Management program will receive a state review March 26. We are currently short a nurse, but until we have a better idea of what is happening with federal funding, Cathy doesn't want to bring someone new on. Other MCH nursing staff have split up the duties for the time being, which is very much appreciated. Whiteside County Health Department has currently lost all of its WIC staff. We have been serving some of their clients. We are getting paid for them, because we were not yet at caseload. However, as the numbers increase and we remain short a nurse, we have made the decision to provide WIC services only for these clients; without Family Case Management. The NOFO (notice of funding opportunity) for Family Case Management will be coming out soon. The program is implementing changes, but we don't know exactly what it will look like.

Environmental Health

Cathy stated that we are attempting to set aside a day a week for Amanda to prep for the LEHP (Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner) exam and complete the Radon course that is required for our grant. Our new health inspector Christina continues to be trained and is doing a good job.

New Business: None

Old Business: Discussion on potential BH funding for WCCHC was deferred until May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is May 13, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Ferguson, M.P.H.
Administrator