



Clark County Health Department

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA June 7, 2023

Call To Order:

Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2023:

Public Comments:

Old Business:

Health Department Storage Facility:

Governor's Public Health Commissioner:

Fiscal Policy:

New Business:

2024 Budget Proposal

QuantiFERON-TB Gold Service Addition

Clark County Sanitary Code/Legislation:

MIH Program Grant Award:

Adjourn:



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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES MARCH 1ST, 2023

Board members present: Ms. Fay Allen, Mr. Denny Hill, Dr. Charles Kemper, Dr. Harold Martin, Ms. Teresa Natterman.

Staff members present: Eric Yazel, Health Officer; Doug Bentfield, Administrator; Patricia Smith, Bridget McCurdy, Drew Roudenbush, Alex Durall, Idannia Portugal.

Dr. Yazel called the meeting to order at 8:36 A.M.

Ms. Teresa Natterman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2022 meeting. Fay Allen seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Election of Officers:

Dr. Charles Kemper made a motion to nominate Denny Hill as the next Clark County Health Department Board President; Dr. Harold Martin seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Teresa Natterman made a motion to nominate Dr. Thacker as Clark County Health Board Vice President, Dr. Charles Kemper seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Kemper made a motion for Dr. Yazel to continue as Health Board Secretary, Denny Hill seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

2022 Annual Report:

Dr. Yazel began by thanking both Doug Bentfield and the Health Department as a whole for continued commitment to all the services, programs, and resources offered to the community.



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HIV/STD/SSP: Alex Durall, Non-Medical Case Manager, reviewed the 2022 staff turnover and challenges for the department. Staff were able to continue services and maintain communication with clients. In 2022 the STD program had a lower morbidity rate and was able to increase the number of HIV tests being performed. The department expanded community outreach with the mobile unit ensuring department services are accessible for the community. There has been a significant increase in SSP client visits and a 15% increase in syringes returned to CCHD. Three sharps return boxes have been placed throughout the community to allow for 24-hour access to proper sharps disposal community wide.

HIV test increased in 2022 by 275. CB Positivity rate went from 17% to 10%, a significant advancement for the community. Accessibility to testing will continue this trend. The mPOX vaccine was made available for vulnerable individuals in the community, all clients were offered and vaccinated within one week of receipt of vaccine.

Public Health Nurse:

Bridget McCurdy, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, began by explaining how our immunization numbers have shown a significant increase using VaxCare. This partnership allows for insurance billing for childhood and adult vaccines. For 2022 the Vaxcare usage saw an increase of about 600%. Flu shots increased and Covid vaccines continued as well. The school nurse liaisons continue to facilitate vaccine uptake and are expanding accessibility by incorporating on-site school clinics to CCHD's clinic schedules.

Tuberculosis testing continued along with subsequent medical treatment for residents. Treatment regimens may include 9 months of daily medication, requiring varying levels of monitoring. Both Amelia Johns and Kim Clark, health nurses, continue to do a great job every day. Accessibility is our main goal at the Clark County Health Department.

Vital Records:

The Vital Records Department continues to maintain records by utilizing the Indiana State "Drive System", which also helps keep records secure but accessible to the citizens of Clark



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County. Births have increased at a steady rate from 2021 to 2022, which has been a continuing trend.

Home births decreased due to more midwives being certified to utilize the “Drive System”. The number of deaths in the county decreased, this could be attributed to fewer COVID 19 deaths.

Corrections, amendments, and court orders did not have a significant change between 2021 and 2022; these numbers usually are steady.

Overdoses did not have a significant change; numbers did decrease slightly from 2021. Suicide numbers increased, CCHD will focus resources on prevention.

Environmental Health and Food Safety:

Environmental Health Supervisor, Drew Roudenbush, began by stating how one of our biggest programs, the retail food program, saw a permit increase in 2022. They met established goals inspecting these facilities based on the menu or business type. The number of inspected facilities increased significantly in 2022, with over 600 facilities actively permitted compared to previous years being in the mid-500's. Public pools/ semi-public pools/ municipal pools are inspected about every 2 months, those numbers remain constant and department goals were met for the year as well. The rabies/ animal bite program requires CCHD to open an investigation. This usually will include the quarantine of the animal to determine health status. There were no positive specimens in 2022.

Tattoo, piercing, and permanent makeup facilities continue to grow in the community; mainly permanent makeup facilities. There were 10 new facilities in 2022. The number of artists for these facilities has also increased a significant amount.

The on- site sewage system program is contingent upon applications received during the year. In 2022 the number of applications received decreased from 90 to 68, new septic systems installed decreased from 115 to 95.



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The lead program includes two certified risk assessors that specialize in home inspection and lead exposure reductions. Currently IDOH assist our assessors as CCHD does not have access to a lab certified lead testing device.

Environmental Emergency Response (On- Call) program is staffed 24/7 in order to respond to spills such as a chemical, fuel, or any public health emergency that may occur within the county.

The mosquito control program underperformed in 2022. This was due to having a few supply chain issues. Parts have been ordered and CCHD should be ready to continue trapping and treatment in 2023. No positive West Nile virus samples were found.

Fiscal Policy Review:

Doug Bentfield created a manual that includes all of the Clark County Health Department's fiscal policies, protocols, guidelines, etc. This document outlines guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts, federal grant requirements, internal controls, and all fiscal policies and documents utilized by CCHD. This was presented to the Health Board for review.

Not-for-Profit Fee Schedule:

The Clark County Health Department has a fee schedule; however, there is no policy stating not-for-profit organizations in Clark County are exempt from fees. The health department has never charged not-for-profit organizations for food permits, pools, etc. CCHD would like to continue this policy for not-for-profit organizations, this would be around 40-60 facilities. There is an exemption from Indiana Code stating that health departments cannot charge a veteran any fee associated with peddling, which would include food permits. Individuals are still required to follow all inspection requirements, but will not be charged a fee. Doug Bentfield asked for a definitive policy from the Health Board on this policy. Teresa Natterman made a motion for the approval to continue exempting not-for-profit organizations from fees, Dr. Charles Kemper seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.



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Vehicle Purchase:

In 2022-2023 we lost vehicles due to aging and accidents; we plan on purchasing more vehicles in 2023 to replace those vehicles.

Health Department Storage Facility:

Doug Bentfield has spoken with both the Clark County Council and Commissioners regarding a new facility, which could be located at River Ridge. CCHD would be able to use this building to store PPE, records, mosquito equipment, and will be able to be used as a drive-through vaccine clinic if needed. We plan on sharing this facility with EMA (Emergency Management Agency) & 911. This will be a tri-agency collaborative to build this facility.

Governor's Public Health Commission:

Dr. Yazel and Doug Bentfield have been working with Indiana Department of Health regarding funding for Clark County. If funding materializes the budgeting process will be adjusted and approval from the Clark County Commissioners and Council will be required per the legislation.

Adjourn:

Dr. Charles Kemper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Denny Hill seconded.

Meeting ended at 10:29 AM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 7th, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Eric Yazel
Clark County Health Officer

Mr. Denny Hill
Clark County Health Board President