



Clark County Health Department

Dr. Eric B. Yazel, Health Officer

1201 Wall Street | Jeffersonville, IN 47130 | (812)282-7521
www.clarkhealth.net

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES February 5th, 2025

Board members present: Mr. Denny Hill, Ms. Teresa Natterman, Mr. Josh Hillman, Dr. Harold Gough, Dr Arthur Boerner.

Staff members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer; Doug Bentfield, Administrator; Patti Smith, Idannia Portugal.

Mr. Denny Hill called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Approval of Minutes of December 4th, 2024, Meeting:

Dr. Arthur Boerner made a motion to approve December 4th, 2024, minutes, Ms. Teresa Natterman seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

New Business:

Election Officers:

Dr. Arthur Boerner made a motion to elect Mr. Denny Hill as President for Clark County Board of Health; Ms. Teresa Natterman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Josh Hillman made a motion to elect Ms. Teresa Natterman as Vice President for Clark County Board of Health; Dr. Arthur Boerner seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business:

EMS Status Update (Ordinance):



Clark County Health Department

Dr. Eric B. Yazel, Health Officer

1201 Wall Street | Jeffersonville, IN 47130 | (812)282-7521
www.clarkhealth.net

Dr. Yazel reported the Clark County Safety Plan has been revised by legal and submitted to the Clark County EMS Sub-Committee for final review. A few changes in safety plan include updates on certification levels, education requirements, response time goals, as well as individual response times according to each municipality, protocol for the misuse of EMS by facilities, ALS vs. BLS requirements, municipalities requesting to provide their own service, and updates to ensure all county areas are covered under an EMS service for its citizens.

Additionally, in 2-3 years, EMS will also move into a “closest most appropriate” model, which will face some challenges; we will try this model with specific calls over the next month to identify the process. Conflict of interest waiver is not included in the current safety plan review but will investigate adding clause. Heartland has been transitioning into using local resources and staff, Dr. Yazel reported Clark County currently holds the highest level of coverage the county has ever seen.

The Safety Plan will be reviewed again during the March 2025 meeting.

Personnel Policy Adoption:

Clark County Health Board formed a subcommittee with three (3) members to review personnel policy, which includes the following changes:

- A 35-hour work week will be implemented as opposed to 37.5 hour/week; this is to match the hourly rate found with most other departments under Clark County Government.
- Included a statement requiring mandatory overtime for employees if needed.
- On-Call duties remain the same, but accrual rate increased for its employees based on subcommittee recommendation.
- Allowed compensatory time accrual and balance can be adjusted based on Clark County Board of Health approval.
- Take home vehicles policy for On-call employees is allowed during their on-call week/schedule for personal use.
- Employees will now receive 5 days of PTO at a faster pace in accordance with the Clark County Employee Policy.



Clark County Health Department

Dr. Eric B. Yazel, Health Officer

1201 Wall Street | Jeffersonville, IN 47130 | (812)282-7521
www.clarkhealth.net

Mr. Josh Hillman made a motion to approve the Clark County Health Department Employee Policy. Ms. Teresa Natterman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

HFI Funding Update:

Mr. Doug Bentfield reported Bi-annual budget is expected to reduce HFI substantially. Many programs have been implemented and expanded with Health First Indiana funding such as offering free swim lessons in partnership with YMCA for families in financial need, offering pre-natal resources, pre-diabetic courses, safe-sitter classes, harm reduction, and many more. Awaiting state budget approval and outcomes.

2025 Meeting Dates:

Mr. Doug Bentfield reported that IT service will come into the office and look into installing a system in order to record and hold live streaming meetings. Next meeting will be held on March 5th, 2025, at the Clark County Health Department, 8:30.

River Ridge Building Proposal:

Clark County Commissioners will own the building but are supportive of using county funds in order to help with the construction of project.

Adjourn:

Mr. Arthur Boerner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Josh Hillman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting ended at 9:34 AM.



Clark County Health Department

Dr. Eric B. Yazel, Health Officer

1201 Wall Street | Jeffersonville, IN 47130 | (812)282-7521
www.clarkhealth.net

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 5th, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Eric Yazel,
Clark County Health Officer

Mr. Denny Hill,
President