

Hill County Board of Health (HCBOH)
Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Health Department Meeting Room
Noon – 1:30pm

Present

Members:

Diane McLean
Mark Peterson
Mike Wendland

Advisors

Kim Larson
Wanda Meredith
Karen Alley
Bridget Kallenberger
Clay Vincent
Sadie Johnson
Nicole Hungerford
Christen Obresley

Recorder:

Cortney Detrick

Absent

Members:

Kristi Kline

Advisors

Jessica Cole-Hodgkinson
Dave Sheppard
Karrie Lien
Jessica Sheehy

Chairman Mike Wendland opened the meeting at 12:10 pm

Minutes from January 17, 2018 were reviewed. Mark Peterson motioned to approve minutes, Diane seconded, minutes approved.

Old Business:

College Park Plaza: No update, haven't heard of any issues it remains closed.

New Business:

There is a vacancy on the Hill County Board of Health, Chairman Mike Wendland suggested we post position in newspaper and on bulletin boards. Kim Larson and Bridget Kallenberger will make an application they can fill out online and paper form they can pick up at the Health Department. Commissioners will appoint new board member by end of June.

ICS 300 course training coming to Hill County June 12th-13th. Bridget working with DES and anyone in the county that is a department head should take those courses.

PIO training: Currently for the Public Health Department Kim Larson is the only one trained as the Public Information Officer (PIO). In the event of a Public Health Emergency Kim will be busy with the emergency. Kim said she will be looking at the board to help with public information and getting it out to the media/talking to the media. If the board could have basic training in PIO it would be nice to have people trained to know what to say, not to say, ect. Kim is working with DES and hoping to have a training at Hill County sometime soon.

Department Reports:

Health and Immunization:

Kim Larson reported she received an email this morning from Kathy Olson regarding how we are paying the Health Officer, with the current method of a \$100 stipend as not acceptable. Kim has checked with MACo and there isn't anything that prevents us from doing so. Unsure why there is a problem all of a sudden because the previous 20+ years was paid that way. Kim contacted other counties on how they do it. Commissioners and Deputy Attorney will look into it, Kim stated she needs better guidance and provided them with a draft that Valley County uses for an example. Child Find was April 10th, 11th and 12th we totaled 42 immunizations, everything went over very well.

Our Spring Wellness had 108 participants but only 24 who were employees. We need more employees to attend and support to encourage them to go.

Kim will be sending out two trainings to the board of health members, Local Health Policy 101 and Public Health Law and Policy that are 1 hour each.

Revenue is lower with Health Department due to new Health Officer being hired and having to redo all insurance contracts.

Family Planning:

Wanda Meredith reports her fiscal year has been starting July 1 but now they are changing it to September through August. They will be sending a contract extension to bridge that gap for this fiscal year. Patty Alderson has been coming in to do exams. She is also previously trained in inserting IUD and Nexplanon the contraceptive implant.

Wanda is still in discussions with Malta about doing a satellite clinic there. The State has decided to do a webinar to help everyone who is doing a satellite for better guidance. They do have a provider there that is willing to do the exams.

WIC:

Nicole Hungerford reports the State is doing a quality and improvement project by visiting different agencies. They are trying to make things smoother for clients and see how they can improve. Havre was one of the agency sites visited. The project included 4 site visits, but due to weather conditions, they were only able to visit 2 times. Each visit included sitting in on appointments and observing how long the process took. Should get the results back soon.

State will be back up May 15th to do their local agency monitoring that is completed every two years. Sitting in on appointments and chart reviews are included in this visit.

As the State has been seeing a decrease in numbers, Hill County WIC numbers have been staying the same, around 400.

Environmental Health:

Clay Vincent deferred to Sadie Johnson to report. Bridget and Sadie have been working together on redoing the Rabies Policy and forms.

Working with the owners of the new brewery and distillery that will be opening within the next few months.

Extension office held another ServSafe class, which has continued to help restaurants train their employees.

Communicable Disease & Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

Bridget Kallenberger reports the 2017 Communicable Disease Report is complete, which talks about all the cases they had. In comparison to 2016, overall 2017 had few communicable cases. Flu had higher cases in 2017- 2018.

Weather spotter training coming up in a couple weeks in Hill County Health Department Annex meeting room.

Child Find went really well, in 3 days we saw 156 children 0-5 years old. They were able to do development screening height, weight, immunizations, dental, eye and hearing screening.

DES:

Dave Sheppard absent no report

Public comment -None heard

Chairman Mike Wendland adjourned meeting at 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting July 18, 2018