



January 13, 2022

The January meeting of the Hamilton County Health Board was held at the Hamilton Co. Judicial Center this month and was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chairperson Charlotte Boden.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlotte Boden, Laurie Lipsig Pylitt, Dr. David Dwyer and Diana Nevitt. Also attending were Health Officer Dr. Charles Harris and John Terry the Health Board Attorney.

MEMBER ABSENT: Dr. Brad Sutter.

HEALTH DEPT. EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jason LeMaster, Administrator; Georgia Roudebush, Vital Records; Janice VanMetre, Director of Nursing; Jim Ginder, Health Educator and Chris Walker, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Irvin, Karen Rutkowski, Frank Rutkowski, Janelle Keller, Sheryl Clifford, Tammy Mulkin, Deeya Brooks, MD, Shari McGrath, Jennifer Taylor.

MINUTES:

Charlotte Boden asked the members if there were any additions or corrections to the October Board minutes. There were none. She asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. David Dwyer made a motion to accept the minutes and Laurie Pylitt second. All agreed. Motion passed.

Charlotte Boden opened the floor for the discussion of Election of Officers. Diane Nevitt made motion to keep the present officers. Dr. Dwyer seconded. All agreed. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Jason LeMaster furnished the Board with the number of COVID vaccines given for 2021. He gave them a breakdown of the number of shots given at each of the three sites throughout the year. He also gave them the number of shots given to the Homebound by the EMS community para-medicine program.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIVISION REPORTS:

Emergency Preparedness: Chris Walker discussed with the Board what had been happening with the Off-Site POD Operation and how many tests and vaccines had been given. He told them at this time the State doesn't have any rapid tests available for distribution He also informed them about the current vaccination operations at the 4-H Fairgrounds and Ivy Tech.

Environmental: Amy Ballman was unable to attend the meeting, so Jason LeMaster gave her report to the Board. He told them there had been an administrative hearing for Papa Fattoush in November. They paid their civil penalties and plan to correct the violations. Inspection in December showed improvement. He also told them approximately 2089 sites had been visited by Vector Control in 2021. He also told them about the computer updates done in the last quarter.

Nursing: Janice VanMetre told the Board the nursing staff is trying to get back to normal. She discussed with the Board the number of patients seen in the last quarter and how many vaccines were given. She told them they have been able to restart the lead testing program with a restart date of today.

Health Education: Jim Ginder updated the Board members on all the programs he has going on. In May he will be presenting at the Indiana Probation Officers meeting.

Vital Records: The Board was given the total number of Birth and Deaths recorded and issued by Georgia Roudebush. She also gave the Board the number of phone calls received each month through the front office for 2021.

Administration: Jason LeMaster told the Board the 2022 Final Budget was received and approved. They also received a list of the Health Department employees who had reached a milestone in their employment with the county.

Public Comment: Numerous people attended the meeting and shared their views and concerns about COVID 19 vaccine to the Board. There were also questions asked about the information being posted on Health Department's Facebook page.

Board Chairperson Charlotte Boden asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 a.m. Diana Nevitt made a motion to adjourn. Laurie Pylitt seconded. All agreed. Meeting was adjourned.

Charlotte Boden
Chairperson

Georgia Roudebush
Office Manager