

## MINUTES

April 17, 2017 Health Board Meeting

Grant County Complex ~ Council Chambers

### Members Present

Dr. Ratliff  
Jim Duncan  
Dr. Renfroe  
Dr. Ihrke  
Joe Isaacs  
Dr. Miller

### Staff Present

Amber Turner  
Dale Carr  
Traci Little  
Julie Hoch  
Brandy Swanner

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

Dr. Miller provided a short bio and was welcomed by the board.

### Minutes

Joe Isaacs moved to approve minutes with a correction. Motion carried.

### Foods Division Report

Dale Carr reported 377 food licenses have been issued to date. Three new food based businesses will be opening in the county. Redneck Rave and Mudstock took place recently with food vendors passing inspection with no problems. May is the start of fair and festival season with approximately 250 vendors to be licensed. Two fire calls and 14 complaints were received by the office.

Traci Little was introduced as the Environmental Health Specialist hired to replace Kathy Glickfield. Traci shared a little about herself and her experience with the Huntington County Health Department voicing enthusiasm about her future with Grant County stating that her "passion is foods".

### Nursing Division Report

Amber Turner stated Open Door Family Planning has recently closed. Amber voiced concern with the lack of availability of STD testing in Grant County stating patients are often referred to clinics out of county. She is in the process of gathering information to pursue offering STD testing services at the Health Department. Amber also stated Hepatitis C and HIV testing services had been temporarily suspended at the Health Department but are now being offered on Tuesdays. The Health Department also offers free treatment for partners with a physician statement.

Appointments for immunizations are picking up due to Kindergarten roundup taking place throughout the community.

### Environmental Division Report

Brandy Swanner reported their office is currently dealing with three raw sewage problem areas and several new construction sites.

Brandy is planning additional mosquito surveillance for 2017 as well as attempting to organize a few community cleanup events. Brandy stated that animal bites remained surprisingly steady throughout the winter and that the occurrence of meth house reports are on the rise again.

Peggy Bradley has sent out letters for all seasonal pools to obtain their licenses. Tattoo parlors and their artists are all licensed and, with the exception of one "problem child", are doing well.

#### **Vital Records Report**

Julie Hoch reported a rise in birth certificate issuance due to kindergarten roundups and spring break travels.

#### **Old Business**

Dr. Renfroe shared that the *Grant County Conversations About Health* roundtable event experienced a good turnout. Given a choice from eight health topics the audience chose Substance Abuse and Mental Health to be the areas where there is the most need in Grant County. Dr. Renfroe stated the hope is to continue the conversations with the panel to see what can be done, from a community standpoint, to address these needs.

#### **New Business**

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm

Next meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>. 2017

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Street