

# Spencer County Board of Health

## Minutes July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A special meeting of the Spencer County Board of Health was called to order at 6:30 pm on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by Bill Young, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

### **The following Board Members were present for all or part of the meeting.**

Joshua Poos, Health Officer

Bill Young, Chairman

Arnold Braun, Vice-Chair

Eric Kleeman

Richard Thomas

Mike Sisley

### **The following Staff Members were present for all or part of the meeting.**

Mindy Spinks, Registrar

### **The following Public were present for all or part of the meeting.**

Kim Litkenhus, Spencer Co. Tobacco & Cessation

### **Minutes**

No minutes were presented for approval at the meeting.

### **Staff Reports**

No Staff reports were presented for approval at the meeting.

The Special called meeting was scheduled to discuss the Health First Indiana funding (GPHC) that the Health Department could receive from IDOH.

- Bill Young stated that we have had 2 Advisory Group meetings, on July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. Then a follow-up Zoom meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Bill stated that there was a good turnout for both meetings and that there were 20 plus local organizations, schools and agencies represented. Bill stated that we had presented the information about the funding and the process in which we would need to proceed. Bill stated that we had a lot of support and interest in the Core Service areas from these individuals. Some we are already partnering with and some we could partner with in the future. The discussions centered around finding gaps within Spencer County and the areas that would qualify under the Core Services of the Health Department. A template was presented for these organizations to use to submit request for funding/partnering opportunities under the new funding to the Health Board, if the Commissioners choose to opt-in.
- Bill Young stated that we have been working on identifying gaps within the Health Department.
- A copy of the request templates that have been submitted so far were given to the Health Board members to review. An open discussion followed about the process of merit for request and making sure that all the funding appropriation guidelines are met when considering the request. Richard Thomas asked Dr. Poos what his thoughts were on the funding and what his recommendation was. Dr. Poos stated that he feels the funding is a great opportunity for the Health Department and would recommend opting in. Eric Kleeman asked about clarification on the match amount. Bill stated that a 3-year average is what the State based the match on and that the funding was available in the 1159 Health account.
- Bill also stated that the Legacy funding (ILHDTA/LHMF) balances would remain in those fund lines until it has been used and then those funds would be closed. If the Commissioners opt-in, if they opt out, then the Health Department would receive the amounts for the LHMF as we did before.
- Mike Sisley made a motion that the Health Board recommend the Commissioners Opt-In on the funding. Eric Kleeman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Bill stated that he will attend the Commissioners meeting on Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> with the Health Boards recommendation for the Commissioners to Opt-in and provide insight to the process that we have been implementing to identify gaps and partner with local organizations to expand/ improve on Core Services within the County. Bill stated that we would not have a budget in time due to the process of reviewing to provide the Commissioners but would be working on one and would like to have another special meeting to go over and finalize some areas for the budget pending the Commissioners opt-in.
- It was decided that August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm would be the next date for a budget review and discussion.
- Eric Kleeman made a motion to adjourn. Mike Sisley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.