

Porter County Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday September 03, 2024
155 Indiana Avenue, Commissioner's Chambers
Valparaiso, Indiana
Abbreviated Minutes

In Attendance: Dr. Maria Stamp, Dr. Linda Boxum, Kathy Lemmon, Dr. Kimberly Brunt, Dr. Chris Osan, Attorney Dave Hollenbeck, Dr. Patrick Fleming, Robyn Lane, Terry Wuletich

Absent: None

Attorney Dave Hollenbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Boxum called for a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Kathy Lemmon made a motion to approve, Dr. Osan seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Dr. Fleming was not present during this vote, but he arrived shortly after.

**** Announcements ****

Next Porter County Board of Health meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2024 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Building.

Discussion took place about the November meeting falling on Election Day and the potential need to cancel, reschedule or add an additional meeting. The Board agreed that the November 5th will be cancelled at this time.

**** New Business ****

Sam Burgett from the Porter County Sheriff's Department provided an overview of the Community Change Center, which focuses on re-entry services for incarcerated individuals. Sam goes on to discuss the various services offered, including transitional living, repatriation, Unity Cafe, mentoring and case management. The focus is on providing comprehensive support to individuals post-incarceration.

She also spoke about the Fresh Start food truck initiative aimed at providing employment to individuals coming out of incarceration. The initiative raised \$94,000, exceeding the initial goal of \$60,000.

Sam requested \$59,400 in funding to support the program director position in order to roll out supportive wrap-around services for Fresh Starts employees from the launch of the community-based re-entry program.

Dr. Boxum called for a motion to approve the funding request for the program. Dr. Fleming made a motion to approve the request, and Dr. Osan seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Attorney Hollenbeck discussed the progress of the onsite septic system ordinance, and mentioned that Dan Boyd has been working on it and meeting with officials in Indianapolis. The

draft is still being reviewed. The goal is to have a draft ready for review and a vote at October's Board of Health meeting.

**** Old Business ****

Carrie Gschwind went over information about the IHIE annual cost and clarified the cost of the subscription, correcting the previous statement from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per year after the first year.

****Reports of Board Attorney****

Attorney Hollenbeck mentioned the effort to get John Pisowicz and Jeff Dees under contract for emergency management has been stalled due to multiple grant agreements. A meeting is scheduled for 9-5-2024 to finalize the details.

****Claims & Receipts****

Dr. Boxum called for a motion to approve the claims and receipts. Terry Wuletich made the motion to approve and Kathy Lemmon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

****Reports of Committees, Staff, Health Officer****

Carrie Gschwind introduces Jamie Pauley as the new school liaison.

****Public Comment****

None.

Meeting Adjourned