

A meeting of the Sullivan County Board of Health was held. Timely public notice was made by a public posting at the Health Office and by advertisement in the Sullivan Daily Times.

Members Present: Jessy Woods, MD; Patricia Morgan; Amy Hale, RN; Barbara Reed-Schuessler, MD; Jana Pounds

Members Absent: Judith Weathers; Benjamin Poehlein, DVM

In Attendance: Michael Gamble, MD, MBA; Kelly Wood, RN, PHN; Ray McCammon, Commissioner

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Dr. Woods after noting the presence of a quorum.
- 2) Approval of minutes from the meeting held 20 April 2023: Motion by Dr. Reed-Schuessler, Second by Ms. Pounds, all in favor.
- 3) Approval of Claims Vouchers: Claim voucher for Sullivan Daily Times approved on Motion by Dr. Reed-Schuessler, Second by Ms. Pounds, with Ms. Morgan abstaining. Remaining claim vouchers were reviewed and approved on Motion by Ms. Morgan, Second by Ms. Pounds, all in favor.
- 4) Health Performance Report
 - April:
 - \$ 2,853.91 receipts
 - On-Site Sewage: 3 permits
 - Birth 71, Death 82
 - Foods: 31 inspections
 - 1 Safe Sleep Education Sessions
 - 3 car seat checks
 - PHN: 1 animal bites; 2 Epi; 4 open lead; 0 TB
 - Vaccines: 55 (13 VFC, 3 Vaxcare, 33 317, 3 covid, 3 PPD)
 - Covid vaccine clinic continues.
 - School Support Specialist April personal hygiene drive completed with successful engagement with the community.
 - Attended Regional School Liaison meeting at the Marion County Health Department
 - Highlighting staff on Facebook for service awareness.
- 5) Old Business:
 - Health Administrator: Filled internally.
 - Building Project: Have bid plans. Looking at them for a rough estimate. Have been given to Commissioners.
 - Legislative update: The legislative session ended. There are some changes which will be needed due to *on-site sewage Indiana Code changes*. IDOH is working to interpret the changes and distribute education and guidance. It appears our septic ordinance will need to be changed or re-passed after July 1, and then must be approved by a Technical Review Panel. There are *board of health appointment changes*. The new process was reviewed. The composition of local boards of health will change as well as the mechanism for appointment. There will be a position appointed by the County Council. There will be a recommendation for a position forwarded by the Mayor to the Commissioners for appointment. Our current structure with three

public members will need to change as there are requirements for more health professional members. The *Governor's Public Health funding* request was passed at a lower budget amount.

- On-Site Sewage Violation: Court hearing completed. Judgment order for \$1,000 against Tony Shipman for ordinance violation of 2022-09(7) Permit Process, failure to acquire permit and 2022-09(8)(c)(iii) Installation without certification. The judgement has not been paid and the county attorney is pursuing further legal action in the court.

6) New Business:

- Tire-Take-Back: The tire-take-back day was completed at the Sullivan County Recycling Center. We provided advertising. The Recycling Center staff provided workers. It was a success. The claim voucher for T-N-T Tire was presented and approved for payment on Motion by Ms. Pounds, Second by Ms. Morgan, with all in favor.
- Sullivan County CEO Program: The CEO Director has approached Claudine about being a mentor next year. She would like to mentor a student in the CEO program. This was discussed and the Board agreed by consensus to allow Claudine to mentor a CEO Program student next year.
- Malpractice Insurance: There was a discussion regarding Health Department, staff, medical director, and physician malpractice coverage. The Board advised Dr. Gamble to proceed with purchasing additional malpractice insurance as needed.
- Local Public Health Funding: SEA 4 has been passed and signed. This is the result of the Governor's Public Health Commission. There are several parts of this bill which will affect local health departments. The minimum and maximum funding amounts for Sullivan County in 2024 and 2025 have been distributed and were reviewed by the Board of Health. The required county match for the first year will be an average of the past three years for the 1159 Health Fund budget. The required match for the second and on-going years will be 20% of funding. This funding will replace the local health maintenance and trust yearly funding if the county opts in. The LHM and Trust money currently in our accounts will remain as carryover money. In exchange for opting in to accept the enhanced funding, Sullivan County will commit to perform the core services outlined in the rule and will also commit to providing IDOH with biannual reports showing progress on core measures and financial accountability. A discussion regarding the pros and cons of opting in and out ensued. There was a Motion by Ms. Pounds, Second by Ms. Hale, with all in favor to send a recommendation to the Sullivan County Commissioners to opt in to accept the enhanced funding.

7) Good of the Order:

- Mosquito Spraying will begin using the route from prior years which focuses on parks and ball-fields around the county. If any additional sites are recommended, the Board was asked to notify staff. We also have larvicide available for the public to use in pools of water which might be mosquito breeding habitats.
- Vaccine Immunization Vehicle Summer Tour flyer was presented.

8) The meeting was adjourned on Motion by Ms. Morgan, Second by Ms. Pounds, all in favor.

Future Meeting: 6/15/23; 7/13/23; 8/17/23; 9/14/23; 10/19/23; 11/16/23; 12/21/23 at 7PM at Sullivan County Health Dept Office.

_____	Michael Gamble, MD, MBA, Health Officer
_____	Jessy Woods, MD, Board of Health President
<u>Absent</u> _____	Benjamin Poehlein, DVM
_____	Amy Hale, RN
_____	Patricia Morgan
_____	Barbara Reed-Schuessler, MD
_____	Jana Pounds
<u>Absent</u> _____	Judith Weathers