

HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH COMMITTEE
DATE: JUNE 2, 2021
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Black called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lynne Black, Tina Anderson, Cheri Collins, Cindy Gretzinger

Others present: Holli Denton

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Collins to approve agenda, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE).

Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5TH, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Anderson to approve minutes from MAY 5th meeting, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNUAL REPORT: Annual Report was given to Board of Health members to read. No action

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-Budget Update-Denton updated Board of Health members about the unspent PHEP budget money being able to be carried over for the 2021-2022 budget year. Discussed that two computers have been ordered, and that the Health department is waiting for a bid on a new vaccine refrigerator.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – COVID-19 UPDATES:

Denton shared current Forest County COVID Disease Activity level being medium and gave current numbers of total cases in Forest County as of 5/28/21 is 965. Denton shared 40.2% (or 3,634) of Forest County residents have received at least one dose and 37.9% (or 3,412) have received both doses.

Denton shared that the health department continues to watch numbers in surrounding counties, and that currently all surrounding counties have a high activity level. Requests for vaccine has been down to almost nothing, and the health department currently has Johnson and Johnson vaccine available and is accepting walk-ins. If people need a vaccine, the health department is able to refer them to area partners that have adequate supply.

Denton shared that we have not had a large amount of parents of 12 and up requesting vaccine for their child, but if they are requesting, we are referring them to Forest County Potawatomi Health and Wellness clinic, as they have a large amount of the Pfizer vaccine. The Health Department is advertising in the Forest Republican, the Pioneer, and

on our Facebook page that we have the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. We are reinforcing the importance of health hygienic practices, and the importance of avoiding large gatherings, and staying home if sick.

Gretzinger recommended the Health Department provide recommendations to the Brush Run to have safety precautions in place for the upcoming races. Denton will contact the Brush Run, and give recommendations.

CLOSED SESSION: The Committee went into closed session: pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (C) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercised responsibility". This closed session relates to:

Health Director/Officer applicants and recommendation for Personnel.

Roll call: Tina Anderson, Cindy Gretzinger, Cheri Collins, Lynn Black

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Collins to reconvene, second by Black, All present voting (AYE). Motion Carried.

Motion by Collins, second by Anderson to refer Holli Denton to the Personnel Committee as the Candidate to hire for Health Officer/Director Position. All present voting (AYE), Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – WIC PROGRAM AND POTENTIAL MERGER UPDATE:

Denton updated the committee that GLITC is providing our Registered dietician services, and has agreed to help with Fit Families. Oneida County is going forward with meetings to discuss a merger. Denton will continue to update Board of Health on the merger progress.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-COURTHOUSE FLOORING PROJECT-

Denton asked where the health department will operate out of during flooring project, explaining fall is the start of the flu season and the health department will need to have access to the vaccine. Committee recommended to ask Forest County Potawatomi if our vaccine could be stored in their refrigerator, County has a MOU with them. Options for where the health department will operate were discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- Discussion and possible action: Annual Report approval from BOH, and send to County Board for August meeting,
- Discussion and possible action: update on WIC program
- Discussion and possible action: COVID-19 updates,
- Discussion and possible action: Renovation update- where vaccine will be stored during renovation,
- Closed session: Public Health Nurse Job- Review applications, and selection to refer to personnel for interviews-discussion and possible action.
- Next meeting set for July 7, 2021 at 4:30pm in the County Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Collins, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Health meeting.