

HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH
DATE: March 13, 2024
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Forest County Boardroom-Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER

By Skallerud at 1:03 PM

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Skallerud, Gretzinger, Decorah, Van Grinsven (via phone)

ABSENT: McMillion, Dr. Lindgren

OTHERS PRESENT: Gatton, Slagowski, Palubicki, Weber

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Gretzinger second by Van Grinsven. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Van Grinsven second by Gretzinger to approve minutes from previous meeting, All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PROGRAM REPORT: Palubicki gave a report on the programs she works in and health department resources. Informed the board of upcoming events the health department will be participating in such as prevention week sponsored by Forest County Potawatomi, Community Coalition of Forest County, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Forest County Sheriff's Dept., Forest County Health Dept. and Forest County Fire Dept. Palubicki also informed the board that we are getting the trailer ready to use as a portable Immunization clinic to get out to communities and offer vaccines that are needed. Michelle works with Julie in the WIC program. Reaches out to new parents and sends information packets.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Staff Training Log

Gatton presented the staff training log. Kathy, Michelle and Lenore will be attending trainings.

Motion by Van Grinsven second by Decorah to approve staff training log. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Monthly Expenditures

Motion by Gretzinger second by Decorah to approve monthly expenditures. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COVID Grant Balances

Gatton explained the COVID grants and balances remaining to be spent. ARPA needs to be spent by December 31, 2024. DHS is requesting a plan on how the funds will be spent and the plan needs to be in by April 12, 2024. There was discussion on what the money could be spent on and allowable costs.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: LHO Updates

Gatton thanked the board of health and health department staff for their support. Gatton asked the board about the merger/shared services discussions and Skallerud explained the reason for the discussion and that there is no need for further discussion as Gatton has been hired as the LHO interim that will be the full time LHO starting in May. Gatton handed out an invitation to attend an open house sponsored by the Health Department for Public Health week on Thursday April 4th from 11:00 am to 1:00pm. Gatton informed the board of health that her meetings with Angela are on a “as needed” basis now. Gatton presented the annual report and highlighted some of the information in the report. Gatton asked that her wage be taken out of Public Health tax levy as the department. Motion by Gretzinger second by Van Grinsven to forward Gatton’s wage to be taken out of Public Health tax levy to finance. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PHN/Staff Nurse recruitment updates

Motion by Gretzinger second by Van Grinsven to withdraw the staff nurse position and continue to recruit a PHN. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: LTE-PHA Wage

No Action

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Shared Services

Skallerud explained under the LHO update. No action needed

DIRECTOR REPORTS: Discussed under LHO Updates.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 8, 2024 1:00 PM County Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Decorah second by Van Grinsven to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.