

**Ford County Board of Health Meeting
Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services Board Room
September 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

The Ford County Public Health Department Board of Health met via virtual GoToMeeting on September 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President, Mike Short. Those members present were Laurelyn Cropek, Suzie Shell, Mike Short, Dr. K. Austman, and Dr. Mark Spangler. Those absent were Bob Lindgren and Dr. Brucker. Lana Sample, Administrator, was also present.

Approve payment of current bills.

Dr. Austman made the motion to approve payment of current bills. Dr. Mark Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of previous minutes

Previous meeting minutes were approved as written.

Finance Report

Laurelyn Cropek made the motion to approve the finance report. Dr. Austman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors

Medical Student was present that is excited to work with the Community Health Educator on a project.

Administrator's Report

There is currently one Board of Health position open that is needing to be filled. Sample stated that the Community Health Educator position had good applicants and hopes to make an offer by the end of the week. IDHS Corrective Action Plan is in the process of being completed. Additional funds received from ECIAAAA have given FCPHD the ability to initiate 211 in Ford County and implement an online client management system for SIS and Caregiver programs.

COVID: FCPHD currently has one Contact Tracer and a nurse working on cases and close contacts and will hire addition Contact Tracers as needed. The Contact Tracing grant authorized a security system for the office and Board agreeable to proceed with the installation. Discussion held on test-based strategy (which is no longer recommended) versus time-based strategy. Dr. Spangler recommended educating employers on this and the viral load potential up to 90 days. FCPHD is working closely with the school districts.

Old Business

Laurelyn Cropek made the motion to approve the following policies and procedures as written: Payroll Policy and Procurement Policy presented. Dr. Austman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

FY 2021 Budget—presented by Sample. Income and expenses reviewed. Dr. Spangler made the motion to approve the FY21 Budget as presented. Laurelyn Cropek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other

Discussion held on FCPHD receiving flu vaccine September 15, 2020 and will be scheduling appointments as well as flu clinics. Drive-thru clinics suggested, and plans were in the beginning stages of offering them.

Dr. Austman informed the Board that GAHHS has been awarded a neonatal abstinence syndrome grant that will focus on substance use and families.

Adjourn

Laurelyn Cropek made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mark Spangler, Secretary

Date