

Lincoln County
City-County Board of Health Minutes
Lincoln County Courthouse
6:00 PM, November 9, 2021

- **Call to Order at 6:31 p.m.**
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call: Jan Ivers, Josh Letcher, Jim Seifert, Amy Fantozzi, Deb Armstrong (via Zoom), Patty Kincheloe (via Zoom), Dr. Diana Carvey (via Zoom). Quorum present.

- **Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda and Non-Action Agenda Items**
 - Evan Comella asked for clarification on mission statements and relationship of Board of Health and LC Health Department.
 - Diane Watson (Eureka via zoom) asked that agenda for meetings be posted at least 7 days in advance, favors keeping the current mission statement, and necessity of ground rules.
 - Evan Comella requested clarification on comments (written, spoken during meeting, emailed) and how they are documented and shared.

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Amy Fantozzi motioned to accept 10/12/21 and 10/19/21 minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - Deb asked for clarification on COVID19 Plan and what that plan is. Communicable Disease Response Plan and the Pandemic Influenza Plans are followed by Health Department, which are both available on the Board of Health website.

- **Unfinished Business**
 - Action Item: Approval of ground rules
 - Patty and Jan offered a few grammatical changes for final document
 - Jim motioned to approve the ground rules with grammatical changes. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - Discussion of mission statement: Jan reads current BOH and LCHD mission statements. Discussion on which statement to use or to keep as is. Kathi will send those out to BOH members to be voted on at next meeting.

- **New Business**
 - Discussion of focus Area Liaisons: Past liaisons are no longer on the Board. These roles were developed to enhance communication between the BOH and HD. Jan asked members to consider if liaisons are wanted or not along with area of interest.

- **Program Reports:**
 - **Public Health**
 - Communicable disease update: Jenn McCully provided communicable disease snapshot for the county. Jenn will seek legal advice about reporting out deaths in each part of the county. If she is able, she will add that to her monthly report. Jenn will also send out information clarifying HIPAA laws.
 - **Environmental Health**
 - Kathi introduced Nick Raines, the new Planner/Sanitarian for the Health Department.

- **Solid Waste and Recycling**
 - None at this time
- **Asbestos Resource Program**
 - Virginia Kocieda gave O&M and Asbestos Resource Program updates for the month of October with 27 calls total with the majority from Libby. 31 sites were visited with the majority from Libby. There were 3 ongoing abatements or abatements in planning stages. Dec. 1, 2021 at 11 am will be update in Commissioner's Room on EPA on Libby Asbestos Superfund site. Last update was June of last year.
- **City Representative Reports**
 - Troy City Council: No update at this time.
 - Libby City Council: No update at this time.
 - Eureka City Council: Deb reported Eureka having an uptick in cases and requested a COVID19 Plan to help that community through the outbreak.
- **Health Officer Report**
 - Dr. Black asked what the Board could do to help with rise in COVID cases and deaths throughout the county. Would like the Board to address, in an effective way, responses that are known to work and prevent future outbreaks.
 - Jenn gave clarification on vaccination statuses.
- **Amy motioned to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6 pm.**