

# Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Roll Call: Gari Lorenz, Rick Peterson, Jim Hackett, Rose Bauer, Katie McGovern, Gloria Wall, Sharon Steele

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lorenz. Meeting notice verified and minutes approved. Lorenz motioned, McGovern second, carried.

Guest Speaker – Rick Peterson, Crossing Rivers Health

- There were no sales during the WINS tobacco compliance check done in 2015. There haven't been sales for a few years.
- Media releases, presentations and meetings with legislators are among things we focus on as well as the annual Leadership Conference for area high school students.
- This will be the 27<sup>th</sup> year for the youth leadership conference. We have sent over 3000 students to the conference through the years. Almost all of tobacco contract money goes to support this.
- Rick's position with the hospital has changed and now is the Community Resource Department Director for the Behavior Health Center. A grant was written to provide mental health and behavior services through telehealth.
- Youth smoking and alcohol rate are down, but adult binge drinking still remains high.
- Gloria investigated how tobacco products are being marketed in our local stores. Crawford County stores have good about not storing them in a highly child friendly visible areas. Some of the stores have been storing them in locked cases out of sight.
- Reality Check is going on today which provides high school seniors from six area schools a chance to experience what it is like to live on your own.
- Rick appreciates the support that Public Health has provided throughout the years.

Old Business

- Public Health continues to look into full agent status.

New Business

- Health Rankings will be discussed next month when our new committee members will be included.

Directors Report

- The immunization refrigerator has a leak and is in the process of being repaired.
- Meth and prescription drug abuse is the main problem we are seeing right now. We will use the same PowerPoint that LaCrosse County is using to educate prescriber on prescribing practices.
- There were 5 suicides in 2014 and 7 in 2015.
- Jail inmates continues to keep us busy.
- There is a Mass Fatality Workshop May 5<sup>th</sup> and an Ebola workshop June 29<sup>th</sup> that our staff will be attending.
- Some of the contract money that had been distributed for Ebola will be taken back by the State and redistributed for Zika related expenses. We may not see any of this.

- Public Health continues to work with ADRC on the Dementia Friendly Community project.
- Lisa Cummer had joined our staff in December and is adjusting well.

Jim Hackett

- Jim talked about the “new meth” that is being made and seen in Vernon County. It doesn’t contain Sudafed so law enforcement can’t use their current testing method on this meth, which is called Easter Bunny meth. We expect to see it here.

County Board Update - John Cornford is the new Chairman; Duane Rogers is the Vice Chairman.

Approval of Bills – Signed and approved.

Motion to adjourn by Hackett, second by McGovern. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele  
Administrative Assistant