

Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Roll Call: Chairman Marjory Sheckler, Gari Lorenz, Judy Powell, Michelle Breuer, Lisa Cummer, Sharon Steele, Brianna Slaght, Katie McGovern
Guests: Emily Schendel (Crawford County Independent) Bill Turner (Utica), Dave Geske

The 2015 Public Health Annual Report was passed out.

Meeting called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Sheckler. Posting of meeting notice verified. Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Lorenz, second Sheckler, motion carried.

Guest speaker – Dave Geske, Vector Control Manager

- Dave handed out a hard copy of his 2015 report.
- He has been working with Public Health for 38 years and has seen many changes. The vector control program has been very effective. Surveillance, habitat control and public education are the essence of the program. The public can protect themselves by cleaning up the habitat mosquitos thrive in which includes cutting vegetation, emptying standing water, wearing protective clothing and using repellents with DEET.
- The Zika virus has been around for a long time but had been pretty benign. Most people that carry the disease don't even know they have it. Viruses can mutate and change. We don't know enough about the Zika virus yet to know the impact it will have. A vaccine is being worked on.
- There will always be changes in the mosquito and tick population.

Old Business –

- Bed Bugs are still around. Public Health provides information and education to the public on the process of ridding them. Public Health follows up with those affected.
- Scabies have been around as well.

New business

- Environmental Agent Status - Currently we have limited agent status and inspect campgrounds, hotels, tourist rooming houses and prepackaged food establishments. DHS and the Department of Ag are merging to have full agent and limited agent under one entity. Full agent currently inspects restaurants and pools. With this change we would have to become full agent status to keep the contract. Full agent would do all inspections and would require hiring or training a person to be a Sanitarian. Crawford County could look at partnering with Vernon County for a sanitarian. Sheckler made a motion to continue looking into and exploring full agent status, Lorenz second, motion carried.

Public Health Preparedness Update –

- Currently taking FEMA training online to stay current.
- PHEP continues to be updated.

Home Health Care Report - none

Director's Report -none

County Board - none

Approval of Bills

Motion by Lorenz, second by Sheckler to approve bills, motion carried.

Public Health staff would like to express sincere appreciation for the dedication and interest Marge Sheckler has shown in Public Health while on the Board. Sheckler has been a valuable advocate for Public Health and will be greatly missed.

Motion to adjourn by Lorenz, second by Sheckler, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele
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