

Crawford County Board of Health  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Roll Call: Chairman, Gari Lorenz, Wayne Jerrett Jr., Don Stirling, Karen Reilly, Jane Schaaf, Pat Dearth, Tim Ringhand, Christina Beach-Baumgartner, Dan McWilliams, Sharon Steele Michelle Breuer, Lisa Cummer

Absent: Amanda Schultz

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lorenz. Posting of meeting notice verified. Motion by Jerrett, second by Dearth to approve agenda and minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Influenza activity update – Michelle Breuer

Influenza activity continues to be high and is expected to last into late spring. Influenza Type A is the prominent type this year. The flu vaccine is only about 25% effective against Type A. Other flu like viruses continue to circulate as well. Crawford County has seen 317 confirmed flu cases since January.

Public Health nurses are available to offer guidance to long-term care facilities during an influenza outbreak. The facilities have guidelines in place as well to deal with outbreaks.

Introductions were made.

Public Health Board Orientation – Christina Beach-Baumgartner, Southern Region Director and Tim Ringhand, Western Region Director

Handouts were given to board members explaining their responsibilities and providing resources.

Crawford County Board of Health Orientation PowerPoint was presented giving an overview of what Public Health has accomplished in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and what Public Health will look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Discussed responsibilities of a Public Health Board.

One example where Boards of Health helped move the needle for change was seen in the smoking policies. Boards of Health were influential in get policies changed for smoke free public buildings. Through policy change you see a much bigger difference in the overall health of the community in the long run.

Accreditation is based on the ten essential services and is meant to standardize public health services nationwide. National public health standards are similar to accreditation but without the cost. Public Health Departments should align their office with one of these standards.

Update on Public Health Supervisor recruitment, discussion and action if necessary

Interviews were completed and the right candidate was not found. Decision was made to advertise again. We have two candidates at this time. Deadline for applicants is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Interviews will be scheduled for next week with McWilliams, Stirling, and Dearth being on the interview committee.

Update on County Ordinances relating to Sanitarian

Mark Peterson felt more information is needed from DATCP. Dan will contact DATCP and will update the committee next month on recommendations from Peterson.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Jerrett, second by Stirling to approve bills. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Misdemeanor charges were filed against former employee.

Motion by Jerrett to adjourn, second by Stirling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele  
Administrative Assistant