

Crawford County Board of Health
Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Roll Call: Chairman, Gari Lorenz, Don Stirling, Karen Reilly, Jane Schaaf, Amanda Schultz, Dan McWilliams, Cindy Riniker, Sharon Steele

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lorenz. McWilliams verified posting of agenda. Motion by Schaaf, second by Reilly to approve agenda and minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

WALHDAB Website

Our office is part of WALHDAB (Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards). Board members who join WALHDAB under Crawford County Health and Human Services have access to helpful resources and information. We would like to all board members to have access to WALHDAB. Sharon will send everyone a link inviting board members to add or update your information. Sharon will be available to assist anyone who needs help.

Budget Planning Discussion

Dan explained the budget process. General direction has been to come in with a flat budget. The challenge this year will be combining the Public Health budget and the Human Services budget into one. Dan and Cindy will continue to look for revenue sources to add to the overall budget. In looking at the budget it is important to remember that the health department is currently down one nurse. Although we continue to maintain and improve services while following proper procedures according to the law, this position may need to be filled at some point.

Dan would like to present the overall budget to both boards at a joint meeting in September. Each department would be responsible for approving their part of the budget. The board was agreeable to a joint budget meeting in September.

Amanda Schultz gave a report on changes at Crossing Rivers Health

Crossing Rivers is closing/discontinuing Walter Schmidt Assisted Living, home health, personal home services, and Family Resource Center. Hospice is also being restructured. Crossing Rivers held a meeting with collaborating agencies to see which agencies would be able to fill the void. Amanda approached Dan about the health department taking the maternal newborn visits that Crossing Rivers health has been doing. There would be reimbursement for this service. Dan, Cindy and Amanda will meet to discuss details.

Behavior health continues to be of concern. There is a shortage of mental health counselors and backup for these services falls to the County.

Review and Approval of Lead Poisoning, Fluoride Varnish & Animal Bite/Rabies policies

The above policies were revised according to state statutes and mailed to board members for review. Motion to approve above policies by Lorenz, second by Schaaf, motion carried unanimously.

Education on Smoking Trends

Crawford County Health Department is part of the Seven C's Health Initiative, which focuses on tobacco and nicotine prevention. Cindy gave a presentation on smoking trends. The Juul has become the best-selling brand of e-cigarettes. They are small, colored, flavored and made to look like flash drives and are being used in schools. They are inexpensive, marketed towards youth and have as much nicotine as an entire pack of cigarettes.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Sterling to approve bills, second by Reilly. Motion carried.

Next meeting: September 2018. This will be combined budget meeting with Human Services.

Motion by Stirling to adjourn, second by Reilly, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele
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