

Crawford County Board of Health

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Roll Call: Chairman, Gari Lorenz, Karen Reilly, Jane Schaaf, Amanda Schultz, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerret Jr., Pat Dearth, Dan McWilliams, Cindy Riniker, Sharon Steele.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lorenz. Lorenz verified posting of agenda. Motion by Stirling to amend the April 18, 2018 meeting minutes to reflect the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Second by Schaaf. Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Cindy Riniker, Health Officer

Introductions made. Cindy has worked 25 years for Clayton County Public Health and Visiting Nurses Association. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in Public Health.

County Health Rankings

Cindy handed out a copy of the Crawford County Health Rankings with comparisons to counties similar to ours. Crawford County ranked 56 out of 72 counties in health outcomes. Crawford County has a growing elderly population that will be in need of more services directed toward them. Cindy presented highlights of the rankings.

- Areas needing improvement are smoking, low birth weight during pregnancy, unemployment, children in poverty, oral health, obesity and premature death. We see a correlation between these areas.
- Crawford County rated well in physical activity, access to exercise opportunities; minimal alcohol impaired driving, graduation rates and birth outcomes.
- Access to high quality health services and substances abuse are areas that continue to be addressed.

Public Health Services Planning Discussion

- We are looking at our current services and the direction the States wants us to follow. We are a small rural county with a small agency staff and need to balance our basic services, Level II certification services and Public Health 3.0. We want to make sure we are focused on what Public Health will look like in the next 2, 5 and 10 years. Cindy hit the ground running when she joined the health department. She is meeting with partners and getting information on how everyone does things.
- The Health Department is responsible for dealing with environmental health concerns. Corp counsel get involved when there is a legal issue. We are not part of a consortium for environmental health but the Southwest Region Environmental Consortium invites us to attend their meetings. Dan continues to look at the best opportunities and more effective ways of doing things. He will keep everyone updated if there would be a possibility of joining consortia
- Cindy handed out the health department brochure and highlighted each program.
- We are increasing community education activities, which was the only service that declined during the recent changes.
- We are fortunate to be able to stay a Level II Health Department and will be having a 140

Review, probably in 2019. We will also be looking at updating the strategic plan.

- We are a partner in the Community Health Need Assessment that the hospital is working on and would like board involvement. Meetings are expected to start at the end of May.
- Town hall meetings continue to be held to address alcohol and drug abuse, which show up as a priority on the Community Health Needs Assessment.

Approval of Bills

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Jerrett to adjourn. Second by Lorenz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele
Administrative Assistant

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