



**Jefferson County Board of Health
Minutes: January 19, 2018 10:00 AM**

Board Members Present: John Bresland (Chair), Carmela Cesare (Vice-Chair), Lorena Nathan, Damien Hinck, Caleb Hudson (County Commissioner)

Board Members Absent: Ann Smith

Also Present: Marty Freeman (Health Administrator), Dr. David Didden (Health Officer), Bill Zaleski (Sanitarian Supervisor), Kaitlin Lacey (Office Assistant),

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Chairman Bresland. The agenda for today's meeting was presented and accepted.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Old Business:

Employee Health Insurance Reimbursement:

Mrs. Freeman presented a proposal to adjust the salary of any employee who wished to opt out of employee health insurance up to \$4000. Ms. Cesare recommended a flat rate of \$3000 rather than "up to". Tabled to revise wording and check with Division of Personnel.

New Business:

Agency Activity Report:

- Health Administrator
 - Lots of work on Threat Preparedness
 - Financial Report: Due to changes in grant projections, insurance payments etc. we are now anticipating \$168K deficit for FY2018. The board accepted the reports as presented.
- Health Officer
 - Jeff Levesque reported on Recovery Coach Academy currently underway, next in April. Opioid Response Plan for WV prioritizes peer-based support as counseling is an important part of recovery.
 - HRP grant to expand syringe service program. Caroline McLeod PhD RN has contracted part-time on grant to develop focus groups.
 - One America: group started in DC to reach across political and ideological barriers to address opioid epidemic. Met in Shepherdstown to discuss program development in WV.

- Influenza activity has increased over the last 6 weeks, high rates of ER visits and hospitalization. Encourage everyone who hasn't gotten a flu shot that it's not too late.
- Berkeley-Morgan Merger update: Dr. Didden presented maps of WV health departments financial data (Mrs. Freeman added that the allocation from state is based on population, not services offered). Regionalization is best chance for achieving a balanced budget.
- Environmental
 - Michelle Phillipson has finished her on-the-job training
 - Several after-hours issues involving water main breaks in Ranson and Shepherdstown
 - AirBnB: complaints about lack of regulation in Harpers Ferry
- Medical
 - 19 vivitrol injections billing insurance but not making a profit, plan to ask county commission for funds.
 - Infectious disease reports: still seeing lyme, increase in flu
- Threat Preparedness
 - CRI Quarterly Communications Drill
 - Completed wv.train.org courses

Status of Holler Grant Application:

Community Education Grant pilot started in Jefferson County, would like to expand to Berkeley and Morgan LHD's

Discussion on Meeting with Development Authority:

Met with new director Nick Diehl to discuss possibility of a business drilling a private well in Bardane Industrial Park rather than using public water – client decided on different location.

Proposed meetings with County Commissioners

Budget meeting scheduled for Friday February 16 11:45am. Plan to request \$11K for flu outreach and harm reduction. Specific requests will hopefully be more effective than general funding.

Observations on the Santa Barbara mudslide:

Mr. Bresland described his experiences last week in California, including witnessing evacuations and meeting with the Assistant Director of the Santa Barbara Health Department.

Approval of December 1, 2017 and December 21, 2017 meeting minutes:

Mr. Hinck moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2017 and December 21, 2017 meetings as presented. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM.

This meeting was noticed as follows:
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