

01-05-16

Board of Health Meeting

Members present: Darold Zimmer, Cherie Stachey, Randy Sullivan, Rod Schaffer, Julie Russell, Allen Drane Jr, Darlynn Williams, and Jaci Phillips

Notes from last meeting are read and approved.

Old Business-

Ambulance-Allen reports that the dispatchers have received a schedule of staff to call and that has decreased the number of calls dispatchers have to make. There is a new, used ambulance in service.

New Business

Darlynn reported that she will be working with a Master's in Public Health student to complete the community health assessment. She went over the type of data that will be reviewed during the assessment. The data that is retrieved from the assessment will be used to implement education and screening campaigns to improve the health of our community.

Darlynn led a discussion about mental health and it's providers in our community. Historically it has been difficult to maintain providers. Darlynn asked for the group's support of current provider who is based in town. This topic led to discussion about where health services are delivered. There is discussion on the possibility of a central healthcare location in the future. Questions are raised on how to fund and would this be added to an existing building or would it be a new structure. It is discussed that a long term plan for health care and its facilities should be formulated.

Cherie reports that she is working with Julie to bring the nursing home to a tobacco free campus. Currently there is one resident who is a smoker and they are working on a policy that addresses this.

Julie requests that the county look at evaluating their policy on tobacco use. She suggests changing wordage to include all nicotine delivery systems which would include electronic cigarettes. She also reported that the sales of e-cigs is now limited to those 18 years of age and older. There was no age limit previously.

Jaci reports that the clinic remains busy. There has been a lot of pink eye this Fall. She has not seen any influenza cases. Darlynn reports that influenza incidence has been low to this point. The peak months are usually January and February.

Next meeting will be April 5, 2016 at 9:00 in the Commissioner's Office.

Meeting is adjourned.

Darold Zimmer, Chairperson

Darlynn Williams RN, Secretary