

Cass County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2016

Board Attendance: Gary Davis, Dr. Chris Ciotta, Susan Pryor, Dr. John Zimmerer, Dr. Dori Ditty, Donna Corn

Also in Attendance: Dr. David Martin, Jeff Stanton, Serenity Alter, and Julie Martinez

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Cass County Commissioner's Room, Cass County Government Bldg, 200 Court Park, Logansport, IN 46947.

Motion to approve minutes from previous Board Meeting was made by Dr. John Zimmerer and seconded by Chris Ciotta. Motion was passed unanimously.

Voting of Chair and Vice Chair:

Election was called for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the board. Gary Davis was nominated as Chairman of the Board. Dr. Chris Ciotta motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Donna Corn.

Dr. John Zimmerer was nominated for Vice Chairman. Motion to approve was given by Dr. Chris Ciotta and seconded by Gary Davis.

Gary Davis elected as Chairman of the Board of Health. Dr. John Zimmerer elected as Vice Chairman of the Board of Health.

New Board Member:

The Board discussed the term of Zina Birnell. Zina was re-appointed to the Board of Health on January 14, 2014. Donna Corn requested to meet with the Commissioners as she feels Zina deserves an explanation for her term ending early. Gary Davis agreed to speak with the Commissioner's. Gary Davis addressed how the situation was handled regarding notifying Zina. Zina emailed the board and spoke with Gary Davis prior to this meeting.

Cass County Health Department Report:

Dr. Martin presented the 2015 Yearly budget report, and spoke about the tax rate, carry over money and income from fees.

The Cass County Health Department tax support has decreased. Income produced has been steady. Dr. Martin discussed the budget and the issue of being over budget in 2017.

Dr. Martin discussed the Local Health Maintenance and Trust Grants. These grants are used to pay salaries. The Health Department plans to purchase a vehicle this year using the grant money. Donna Corn explained that a bidding process needs to be done prior to purchasing a vehicle.

Unemployment of Juana Aho was discussed. Dr. Martin asked Jeff Stanton to look into how unemployment is paid. Jeff agreed to do this.

Nursing:

Dr. Martin discussed the increase of vaccines and additional clinic dates given in 2015. Free vaccine clinic was held for Cass County employees and their families. The money for these vaccines was taken from the Health Department budget.

Environmental:

In 201, one fine was given to China's Best Buffet. The number of food inspections increased during 2015. Dr. Martin mentioned he feels the restaurants appear to be cleaner.

Cass County saw an increase in bed bug inspections. The Health Department has given education to the community to help decrease the number of bed bug cases.

Dr. Martin discussed the success of the "Hoarder" case. The Community came together nicely to assist in getting this property cleaned up. Electricity, septic and a new well have been installed. This property shows amazing improvement.

Meeting was called adjourned at 7:55pm by Gary Davis.