**Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

Dr. Wells called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. at the Corydon Courthouse basement meeting room. Present were: Dr. Joel Wells, Susie Gibbs, David Rhodes, Shelley Bickel, Penny Fetters, Charlotte Van Fleet and Jennifer Reed. Clayton Merritt was on the phone.

Penny made a motion to approve the agenda. Susie and Clayton seconded it. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Penny made a motion to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes. Susie seconded it. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Penny made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Susie seconded it. All in Favor. Motion carried.

The Board looked over the Policies with No Changes. There were no new policies.

David Rhodes, Environmental Health, presented his Data Report. His budget is right on track for this year. Dr. Wells signed an On-Site Waste Water Ordinance so that David could present to the Board of Supervisors next meeting.

Shelley went over the PH Financial FY20/21 Revenue and Expenditures with the board. The board wants Shelley to discuss with the Auditor to separate out Environmental Health and Public Health Revenue and Expenditures. Shelley talked about the Medicare Survey that Public Health had for three days in January, 2021. Ron, the nurse supervisor assisted Shelley on the findings that the State found and gave Ron the responsibility to make out report of corrections for the State.

Shelley gave an update on Home Health and that we have 40 to 50 clients. We have 4 nurses. Ron is leading monthly meetings. We are very busy. Ron is doing diabetic teaching at New Venture.

Shelley gave an update on nine to Thrive. Shelley does monthly meetings with Des Moines. The last meeting was with Janet Horras who is in charge of Nine To Thrive says they have extra funding so Jessica and Dr. Wells will be getting together to come up with a list of supplies we can order like car seats, books etc. Janet has been meeting with the Public Health/ Children’s Trust Fund Department in Missouri. Every Step would like us to work with any moms/babies in Missouri counties that are being seen at the Wayne County clinics starting in July 2021. Jessica Hysell works Monday thru Friday at the hospital and also helping with the Covid clinics and contact tracing.

SCICAP who runs the Head Start program in Clarke, Decatur, Wayne, Lucas and Monroe, have asked us to do all the lead screenings. Susan and Jennifer are doing these with only one left to do in Lamoni. Susan still does the First Five programs and also does the Nursing at the Jail, which has been busy due to giving Covid testing when inmate arrives in jail. Susan also does a lot of the Covid scheduling, clinics and contact tracing. Starting in July 2021, WCPH is going to oversee the tobacco program for Lucas County. Shelley is working on a Wayne Co. Foundation Grant to purchase AED’s for Walden Park Community Building and Humeston, Promise City and Seymour Community Center, parks in the county and Museum.

Clayton made a motion for Gradient9 studios to build our Website Design & Development Proposal for the budget expenditure of $5295.00. Pennie and Susie Second it. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Wells gave an update on the Hospital and Clinic. He stated they are still having occasionally positive Covid patients coming in. The hospital has done a lot of monoclonal antibody treatments and thinks it has been very successful. We are somewhere in the 70 to 80% range that has been treated. That particular treatment is designed to catch somebody in the early phases of their infection given the monoclonal antibody and is supposed to prevent being hospitalized and becoming seriously ill. Dr. Wells also added that the hospital is running as usual, they are screening, limiting visitation, mask wearing, and social distancing and will probably continue this for at least the next few months. We are practicing patients. Infection, what we know about the coronavirus is you get it and test positive weeks and months down the road for at least 90 days. Anybody that gets another set of sniffles or coughing or other symptoms we don’t consider that another infection. You can have a positive test but it won’t be a new positive during the 90 days. The Board of Health are going to have to lead by doing some education by website, Facebook, county newspaper to try to get more people to get the vaccine.

Next meeting will be at 8:30 am, Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

Penny made a motion to adjourn and Susie seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

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 Dr. Joel Wells, Chairperson Date