



# Clark County Health Department

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## CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Board members present: Mr. Denny Hill, Dr. Bhanu Thaker, Ms. Fay Allen, Dr. Harold Martin, Ms. Teresa Natterman, Dr. Charles Kemper, Dr. James Stone.

Staff members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Health Officer; Doug Bentfield, Administrator; Zachary Stewart, Attorney; Idannia Portugal.

Mr. Denny Hill called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M.

Dr. Harold Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Dr. Charles Kemper seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

Old Business:

Health Department Storage Facility:

The Clark County Health Department continues to search for a property where a building could be built in order to store PPE, vital records, vaccine administration site, share space with partner organizations, etc. The department has looked at potential properties but nothing has been set in stone. This building is not a pressing matter, but it is important we continue to try and find a location to ensure we have the necessary resources for any public health emergency the county may encounter. We will continue to update the Clark County Health Board as more information becomes available.

Governor's Public Health Commission:



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Health First Indiana Fund has been approved by Clark County Commissioners. This funding will allow us to strengthen our core services and at the same time create new programs beneficial to the community. Some of the resources we will be able to provide and enhance are lead testing, free general health screenings in our rural communities, education on basic health concepts, sponsor tests for colon cancer, and much more.

### Budget Hearing Report:

The budget for fiscal year 2024 has been submitted and approved by the Clark County Council and the 2024 budgeted amount (general fund) remained consistent with last year's budget. With the new funding coming from Health First Indiana, we will also be working with our community partners more extensively to expand countywide services.

### New Business:

### Current Disease Investigations:

Clark Memorial Health had a Tuberculosis exposure that included 500 patients. In response, the Clark County Health Department held a clinic at the 4-H Fairgrounds over four days to test these individuals. CCHD will be covering cost.

There was also an E-Coli outbreak at a Clark County daycare facility. The Clark County Health Department has been submitting lab samples over the last several weeks. There have been no hospitalizations, but STEC (Shiga toxin-producing E. coli) is very dangerous for children and can be transmitted even after being asymptomatic. The department will vigilantly monitor staff and children at the facility and test until the center is clear of infection.

### Adjourn:

Mr. Denny Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Bhanu Thaker second.

Meeting ended at 9:27 AM



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NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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Doug Bentfield, R.E.H.S.  
Administrator

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Denny Hill,  
President