



## Clark County Health Department

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### CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Board members present: Mr. Denny Hill, Ms. Teresa Natterman, Dr. Harold Gough, Dr. Arthur Boerner.

Staff members present: Doug Bentfield, Administrator; Patti Smith, Idannia Portugal.

Mr. Denny Hill called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M.

Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2024 and May 22, 2024 Meetings:  
Minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings are awaiting approval.

Public Comments:

New Business:

2025 Budgets:

**1151-Public Safety Fund-** Allocated funds for attorney fees as it relates to EMS service.

Dr. Boerner asked if the legal fees are in reference to what's happening with former county sheriff? Mr. Bentfield stated no, this is related to our EMS provider, we oversee the EMS system as far as the operational component. The former sheriff was involved with EMS but we are not tied to that particular issue, we are only dealing with the fallout of EMS provider struggling to provide service.

Dr. Boerner inquired if the board was represented by council and if so the department should look into options to recoup the spent funds.

Short staffing has been an issue with the ambulance service. New Albany cancelled their contract with New Chapel Fire resulting in various employees leaving New Chapel for the fire



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service. Mr. Owen had reached out to all stakeholders including Tri Township and commissioners since there was going to be a strain on the system due to being understaffed. As of now, it is more stable but they have some run time issues. There are talks about a county run EMS system, but we continue to be in communication with Mr. Owen and New Chapel.

Dr. Boerner suggested that the department consider surveying the hospital emergency room asking them specifically as people come through, did you arrive in private vehicle or ambulance? Then we could potentially look at these numbers and determine if there is enough desire and economic support to correct that problem.

**1159- Health Fund-** Every county in Indiana has this tax levy fund. The 2024 budget is similar to last year. For the 2024 budget we submitted anticipated revenue from permits, vital records, tuberculosis tests, etc. These revenues offset the tax rate. Most expenditures are contract services, utilities, and maintenance for our building.

Dr. Boerner asked about the property tax circuit breaker. Mr. Bentfield explained it is an amount that will be cut from our levy which effects the budget in 2024. That amount can vary every year.

**1161- Health First Indiana-** This fund will be used to increase public health services in the community focusing not just on reactive measures but also preventative care. The department anticipates expansion of various programs such as cancer screenings, maternal and child health, gun safety via gun locks, injury and trauma prevention, chronic disease management, and many more services for the community.

**1199-Mosquito Fund-** This is a tax-based fund and Clark County. It focuses on trapping and testing for West Nile Virus and countywide mosquito control. Most expenditures include supplies.

**4014-T.B. Fund-** The American Lung Association had a chapter in Clark County which dissolved, the remaining fund balance was given to the health department years ago. This



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fund is used to purchase supplies and equipment for testing. It is a fee based only fund, not tax based.

**8204-Syringe Services Programming Grant-** Fund is used for testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, etc. We continue to provide community outreach; the department tries to be flexible for the community to make it as convenient as possible.

**8205- ECHO Grant-** This is an opioid grant in which we are contracting with LifeSpring Health Systems offering peer recovery coaching for individuals struggling with substance use disorder. This grant also funds PulsePoint, an interactive app for CPR notifications.

**8206-Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Grant-** We currently have an employee providing safe sleep education at the maternity unit at Norton Clark five days a week. Services also include home visits 3 weeks after discharge to ensure parents have necessary tools for healthy child development. The program also provides post-partum evaluations. This fund also assists with accessibility for car seat checks, car seats, and cribs for those in need.

**8207-STD Grant-** Focuses on STD testing and provides contact tracing and treatment in-office. Our goal is to become a “one stop shop” providing necessary care from diagnosis to treatment.

**8212- Bioterrorism Grant & City Readiness Initiative (CRI)-** used to purchase equipment, such as radios, generators, lighting, stop the bleed kits, and anything related to emergency preparedness.

**8218- Ryan White Part B- LTC (Outreach)-** This fund provides linkage to care and lost to care services for those living with HIV and individuals requiring contact tracing.

**8234- Care Coordination Grant-** Fund focuses on those living with HIV via social support.

**8238- Workforce Development CoAg Grant, School Clinic Grant-** CCHD nurses work with our school nurse liaisons to provide education and services. Some programs include vaping, AED's, CPR training, Stop the bleed, and hosting vaccine clinics. We also serve as a resource for schools



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to providing Epi-pens, Albuterol, etc. This fund has allowed us to maintain communication with all of our schools in the county and bring them together.

**9151- HIV Prevention-** Provides HIV outreach by going out into the community and offering free and anonymous testing.

**9203-Syringe Services Programming-** utilized to purchase syringe supplies.

**9216- Mobile Integrated Health-** Reduces hospital admissions by offering in-home services when needed and will allow us to connect individuals to the necessary medical resources. We have a referral system to bridge our community partners and make these connections benefiting the community.

Additional Health Board Meeting Date:

EMS Subcommittee meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 where Public Safety Plan Ordinance will be reviewed. Ms. Natterman made a motion to hold a meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 08:30AM at the Clark County Health Department. Dr. Gough seconded.

Adjourn:

Dr. Arthur Boerner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Harold Gough seconded.  
Meeting ended at 9:35 AM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Denny Hill,  
President