



Clark County Health Department

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES May 1st, 2024

Board members present: Mr. Denny Hill, Ms. Fay Allen, Ms. Teresa Natterman, Dr. Charles Kemper.

Staff members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Health Officer; Doug Bentfield, Administrator; Matt Duncan, Attorney; Patti Smith, Idannia Portugal.

Mr. Denny Hill called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Ms. Fay Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3rd, 2024 meeting. Ms. Teresa Natterman second. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

Old Business:

EMS Status/ Subcommittee Update:

On April 22nd, 2024, the first EMS Subcommittee was held at the Clark County Health Department. The committee is currently reviewing overall runs for previous year, response times, and the Public Safety Plan. The next meeting will be on May 21st, 2024, potentially discussing new recommendations/ amendments to present to the Clark County Health Board for review. These suggestions will then be taken to the Commissioners for their review and possible approval. Dr. Charles Kemper mentioned in the previous meeting it was brought to their attention that the Clark County Health Board Attorney, Mr. Zachary Stewart is one of Mr. Noel's defense attorneys, he believes Mr. Stewart did a wonderful job while being their attorney. However, he wants to ensure we maintain communication between the Clark County Health Department and the health board.



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Health Board Appointments:

Appointments are still in progress. There is interest from a community professional to join the board and discussions have taken place with members of the Clark County Council. The next Clark County Council meeting will be held on May 9th, 2024; the expectation is a member will be appointed then and be able to fulfill board member requirements. The Clark County Health Board will resubmit the original list from previous health board appointments to the commissioners for their remaining appointment.

Board Compensation:

The Clark County Health Board members are currently being compensated \$100 per meeting, or \$400 per year. Given that the number of meetings are increasing to about one a month, Dr. Charles Kemper believes board members should be compensated \$100 for each meeting. Dr. Charles Kemper made a motion to be compensated on a per-diem basis to \$100 per meeting. Ms. Teresa Natterman seconded. This decision is contingent on Clark County Council being able to fund the expense.

New Business:

Attorney Engagement/ Retention of Services:

Mr. Zachary Stewart has resigned as Clark County Health Board Attorney. Doug Bentfield spoke with Clark County Commissioner's Attorney, Mr. Scott Lewis, and he gave a recommendation for Brown Frost Todd. Matthew Duncan, Clark County resident, would like to serve the Clark County Health Board over the next year. Mr. Duncan has represented various local government entities and specializes in municipal law and some real estate law. Ms. Teresa Natterman made a motion to approve letter of engagement, Ms. Fay Allen seconded.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Approval:



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The Continuity of Operations plan demonstrates procedures should an emergency occur at the Clark County Health Department building, basically this plan establishes procedures for set up in a different location. This also outlines the different roles of each employee in the event of a disaster response. Dr. Charles Kemper made a motion to approve the Continuity of Operations Plan pending approval of legal review, Ms. Natterman seconded.

Additional Meeting Dates:

Indiana State Department of Health has a due date of June 1st, 2024, for the 2025 budget submission of Health First Indiana funds. The Clark County Health Department would like this budget to be presented and reviewed by the Clark County Health Board prior to submission. The next health board meeting is set for May 20th, 2024, at 8:30 AM tentatively.

Adjourn:

Ms. Fay Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Denny Hill second.
Meeting ended at 9:15 AM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 20th, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Eric Yazel
Clark County Health Officer

Mr. Denny Hill
President