



Clark County Health Department

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES September 4th, 2024

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

Staff members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer; Doug Bentfield, Administrator; Patti Smith, Idannia Portugal.

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

Approval of Minutes

Public Comments:

New Business:

Dr. Charles Kemper made a motion to amend the agenda adding credit card limit approval from Clark County Health Board, Ms. Teresa Natterman seconded. Unanimous vote motion carried.

Credit Card Limit:

Clark County Health Department currently has a credit card limit of \$1500.00 with Fifth Third Bank. With all the service expansions it is difficult to operate with this credit limit and the department has accrued fees for exceeding the limit. The department is actively looking at other banking options and would like to ask the Clark County Health Board to allow an increase in the credit card limit. The request would total \$4000.00: 2 (two) credit cards each with a \$2000.00 credit limit. The Clark County Health Department has extensive protocols in place to ensure credit cards and funds are used appropriately and with limitations.



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Ms. Teresa Natterman made a motion to approve the credit card limit increase from \$1500.00 to \$4000.00 with each credit card holding a limit of \$2000.00. Dr. Charles Kemper seconded. Vote was unanimous and carried

Old Business:

EMS Status Update:

Heartland EMS had reached out to CCHD to provide services and resources when New Chapel had difficulty staffing full paramedic coverage. It has been a smooth transition and the county is receiving the quality of coverage and care needed. The main concern is that it is not a permanent solution, eventually more local resources will be needed.

There are entities that have explored the option of their own EMS service, but this also poses some challenges due to subsidy ask from Heartland EMS and ensuring coverage throughout the county.

Response times are down to 9 minutes and 40 seconds and quality of care has improved. Refusal rates have decreased but that adds more runs to Heartland.

The Clark County Health Department Community Paramedic is able to respond to patients that have a high number of calls to the 911 system. The goal is to decrease those calls and provide other wraparound services for the individual.

The Public Safety Plan Ordinance continues to be under legal review. Clark County has two free standing ER's and both are beginning to send a significant number of transfers. Since these facilities have been in place, a challenge has developed pertaining to who is responsible for transport. The current position is the 911 ambulance service is not to be used for interfacility transfers. Mr. Denny Hill made a motion that the Clark County Health Board recommend a policy that that would not allow private entities to utilize the 911 system to make non-emergent transfers. Ms. Teresa Natterman seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.



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Personnel Policy Update:

Clark County Government has updated their personnel policy and has been formally adopted but there are some discrepancies regarding PTO for its employees. The Clark County Health Department would like to adopt the majority of the Clark County policy with some changes related to specific duties, job descriptions, audits, and grant requirements. CCHD is asking the Clark County Health Board to allow them to transition back into the 7-minute grace period in the policy as the time system (AOD) could not be customized according to specific department duties and hours of operation.

Motion by Ms. Teresa Natterman to approve transitioning back into the 7-minute grace period in Clark County Health Department policy. Ms. Fay Allen seconded. Motion carried.

2024 Budget Update:

Budget for fiscal year 2025 continues to be under review.

Adjourn:

Mr. Josh Hillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Charles Kemper seconded. Unanimous vote motion carried.

Meeting ended at 9:55 AM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4th, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Eric Yazel,
Clark County Health Officer

Mr. Denny Hill,
President