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Board of Health Minutes  
April 16, 2024  
5:00 pm-6:00  
Marion County Public Health Department  
2003 N Lincoln  
Knoxville, IA

Chair Dale Lensing called the meeting to order. Attendance: Dan VanderBeek, Dr Dale Lensing Joni Hannon, Mark Raymie Staff: Kim Dorn, Del Bennett

No public Comments

Motion to approve the Consent agenda by Hannon, Support by VanderBeek. M/C Ayes All

Dorn updated the board on PHEP/HPP Program work plan accomplishments. The TAMS meeting was held with the state, and MCPHD is on track for meeting all required action steps for the grant. No Action.

Dorn updated the board on Workforce Development Grant staffing and work. Discussion regarding fewer employees and how will MCPHD respond with so much personnel. Discussion regarding volunteer network and need to reengage them and continue to build that network. No Action.

Dorn reported status of communicable diseases. Discussed measles, H5N1, seasonal flu, etc. No Action

Dorn reported she is working on updating HIPAA policy. Doing Staff training on HIPAA, OSHA, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Run Hide Fight at next staff meeting. No Action

Motion to approve MCPHD to apply for the Grants to Counties, now known as Private Well Grant, with Director of MCPHD Kim Dorn approved as signatory for the Board of Health.

Dorn and Bennett discussed with the board economic and societal concerns, as they relate to our communities. Discussion regarding rents almost doubling within the past two years. Not uncommon for rent to be \$1,200. Groceries are up about 30%; people are foregoing buying groceries. Some schools going to 4 day weeks, and concern is not about education, it is about how will the kids eat. Food Pantry in Pella is seeing 70-90 families per week. They are buying food in bulk because the food bank allocation is extremely insufficient to meet current need. Discussion regarding planning for General Relief and County wide Senior Nutrition program that is administered by MCPHD. The county's senior nutrition program provides access to meals for all residents in Marion County that are not included in the Knoxville Senior Center's program (City of Knoxville). Marion County's program assures access to all other communities and the rural areas of Marion County.

Motion to adjourn by Raymie, support by VanderBeek. M/C Ayes All.

Kim Dorn