

## STARKE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: ANGIE BANKS, CARRIE BENOIT, ANGIE FLAGG, DEB HANSEN, RITA BERGER

ALSO ATTENDING: FRANK LYNCH, DR BROWNE

NOT PRESENT: DONNA BAILEY

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE BENOIT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY ANGIE BANKS. ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED.

STAFF REPORTS WERE DISCUSSED WITH NO ISSUES.

IMMUNIZATION RATES WERE DISCUSSED WITH STARKE AT 38.2% WITH THE PRIMARY SERIES AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES AT AROUND THE SAME OR LOWER. WIC OFFICE WILL BE BEING TAKEN OVER BY BEACON HEALTH SYSTEM, SAME AS WHAT HAS BEEN DONE WITH MARSHALL COUNTY. AT THIS TIME IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN SERVICES PROVIDED OR OFFICE LOCATION. HOPEFULLY THIS TRANSITION WILL BE ABLE TO INCREASE SERVICES. BEACON IS NON PROFIT SO SHOULD BE NO ISSUE WITH BEING ABLE CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH WIC. STILL HOPING TO WORK WITH BELLA VITA BUT IT HAS BEEN SLOW PROGRESS. STILL NO UPDATE ON MIH PROGRAM FOR STARKE COUNTY. INFORMED BOARD OF MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION THAT HAVE NOT PROVED FRUITFUL, SO SHIFTING FOCUS TO BRINGING BACK MEALS ON WHEEL PROGRAM. SOME PRICING INFORMATION WAS DISCUSSED BUT STILL WAITING ON MORE INFORMATION. WORKING WITH DRUG & TOBACCO FREE STARKE ON THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE. OTHER PROGRAMS DISCUSSED THAT ARE IN PROGRESS. OFFICE EXPANSION DISCUSSED WITH THE BID PROCESS JUST STARTING.

COVID AND RSV VACCINE DISCUSSED.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2024

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CARRIE B., 2<sup>ND</sup> BY RITA B.