

## STARKE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2025

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

ALSO ATTENDING: FRANK LYNCH, DR BROWNE

NOT PRESENT:

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS – RITA BERGER PRESIDENT, ANGIE FLAGG VP, CARRIE BENOIT SECRETARY.

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

STAFF REPORTS WERE DISCUSSED WITH NO ISSUES.

DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE NUMEROUS ILLNESSES, INFLUENZA, BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA, RSV, NOROVIRUS AND COVID CASES OCCURRING THIS SEASON AS WELL AS AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE NEWS. 2024 ITEM PURCHASES DISCUSSED, AEDs FOR NJSP SCHOOLS AND HAMLET FIRE, FIRST AID SUPPLIES FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL, PREPAREDNESS BAGS FOR SCYC, HEARING SCREENING EQUIPMENT FOR HEADSTART, 16 CARSEATS DISTRIBUTED, \$26K WENT TOWARD THE REMODEL OF OFFICES AND ABLE TO HIRE A FULL TIME FOD INSPECTOR AND PART TIME NURSE. ANTICIPATED BUDGET AMOUNTS FOR 2025 AND THE FOLLOWING 2 YEARS.

DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HOSPITAL ABOUT DOING MORE SCREENINGS FOR CANCER AND CARDIAC. MOBILE CT UNIT WILL BE COMING TO STAKE COUNTY VIA A STATE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS OTHER SCREENING OPTIONS. HOMELESS COUNT (PIT COUNT) FOR STARKE COUNTY BEING CONDUCTED THIS MONTH AND WORKING WITH MSCF, PROVIDING RESOURCE BAGS FOR PARTICIPANTS. BAG CONTENTS ARE GLOVES, HATS, SOCKS, SPACE BLANKET, WATER AND PROTIE BAR, AS WELL AS HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION. TRYING TO PARTNER WITH TOBACCO COALITION IN MARSHALL COUNTY TO GO INTO THE SCHOOLS FOR TOBACCO/VAPING EDUCATION TO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASSES. THIS PROGRAM WILL COST \$500 PER SCHOOL PLUS COST OF T-SHIRTS THEY DISTRIBUTE TO THE KIDS TO DESIGN. PARTNERING WITH BIKES FOR KIDS PROGRAM FOR 106 IDENTIFIED 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE HELMETS AT A COST OF \$972. OTHER EVENTS THAT ARE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR MARCH 27, 2025

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