

STARKE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

MAY 22, 2025

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

ALSO ATTENDING: FRANK LYNCH, DR BROWNE

NOT PRESENT: DEB HANSEN

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.

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

STAFF REPORTS WERE DISCUSSED WITH NO ISSUES.

HFI FUNDING DISCUSSED, EXPLAINING CUTS FOR 2026 & 2027 AS WELL AS POSSIBLE CUTS TO 1159 DUE TO PROPERTY TAX CUTS. ALSO DISCUSSED CHANGES TO HFI RELATED TO FUNDS WILL ONLY BE SPENT FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS AND NOT FOR NON-CITIZENS OF THE STATE OR THE US, AS WELL AS CUTTING FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CESSATION OR EDUCATION.

BELLA VITA MOU HAS BEEN ADVERTISED AND ONCE SIGNED WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PRE AND POST NATAL CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN STARKE COUNTY.

BIKES FOR KIDS EVENT WENT WELL, PROVIDING 106 BIKE AND HELMETS TO ELIGIBLE 2ND GRADERS FROM KNOX AND NJSP SCHOOLS. OD SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN COVERED UNDER THE MARSHALL COUNTY PROGRAM IN THE PAST BUT NEXT YEAR WILL JOIN THE STARKE COUNTY EVENT. HELMETS PURCHASED THIS YEAR USING HFI MONIES AND PURCHASED MORE HELMETS FOR NEXT YEARS EVENT IN ANTICIPATION OF BUDGET CUTS TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM. LUNCHESES WERE PROVIDED BY THE STARKE COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER TO THOSE CHILDREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING THE EVENT.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS DISCUSSED, WITH 4 EVENTS IN SAN PIERRE AREA AND 4 EVENTS IN THE HAMLET AREA AS THOSE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS UNDERSERVED AREAS.

DISCUSSED SUPPLIES PURCHASED FOR CONDUCTING ANOTHER HOMELESS COUNT DURING WARMER WEATHER AND THE POSSIBLE ADDITION OF A SECOND BILLBOARD IN THE NORTH JUDSON AREA ADVERTISING IMMUNIZATIONS.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR JULY 24, 2025

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CARRIE B., 2ND BY RITA B.