

## STARKE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

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

ALSO ATTENDING: FRANK LYNCH

NOT PRESENT: DEB HANSEN, RITA BERGER, DR BROWNE

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.

DISCUSSED MOBILE VACCINE UNIT FROM IDOH AT ALL 3 SCHOOL SYSTEMS LAST WEEK IN JULY AND CHANGES BEING PROPOSED/TALKED ABOUT ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

ON SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup> PARTNERED WITH IU HEALTH TO HAVE THEM BRING THEIR MOBILE LUNG CANCER SCREENING UNIT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO DO SCREENINGS FOR STARKE COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM. 50-77 YEARS OF AGE, FORMER OR CURRENT SMOKER @ 20 PACK/YEARS. WILL BE TRYING TO MAKE THIS A BI-ANNUAL OR AT LEAST ANNUAL EVENT.

UPDATE ON BIKES FOR KIDS PROGRAM, INCLUDING OREGON DAVIS SCHOOLS AS THEY WERE BEING DONE PREVIOUSLY WITH MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRIBUTION. HEALTH DEPT WILL BE PROVIDING THE HELMETS AND DONATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO COVER THE BIKES.

ALSO DISCUSSED CHANGES TO HFI SPENDING, FUNDING CAN ONLY BE USED FOR LEGAL CITIZENS OF INDIANA AND FUNDING WILL NOT BE USED FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION CESSATION PROGRAMS BUT INSTEAD YOUTH VAPING EDUCATION. HFI BUDGET TOTALS AND CUTS WERE DISCUSSED, WITH TOTALS FOR 2026 AND 2027 \$145K EACH YEAR.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE AREAS OF SAN PIERRE AND HAMLET DISCUSSED AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF REMAINING ITEMS THAT I HAVE BEEN TAKING TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS LIKE BELLA VITA, THE SCHOOLS, HEALTHLINC, ETC.

REDUCTION IN HOURS FOR THE PART TIME NURSE DUE TO CHILD CARE ISSUES. RESUMES RECEIVED FOR THE POSITION AND PAY RANGE CHANGED BY THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS TO \$25-35/HR.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR DEC 4, 2025

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