

LaGrange County Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2018

The LaGrange County Health Department Board met on October 30, 2018 at the LaGrange County Health Department conference room at 7:00 pm. Attendees were: Dr. Tony Pechin, Cheri Perkins, Tammy Weldon, Dr. Jeffrey Bassett, Dr. Gregory Mielke, Attorney Jeff Wible, Charlie Ashcraft Alfredo Garcia, Jarod Nisley and Kelly Bills.

CALL TO ORDER –Cheri Perkins, Vice President called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – minutes from the January and July meetings were read individually. Cheri asked if there were any additions or corrections. No correction mentioned, Tammy Weldon made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Gregory Mielke.

OLD BUSINESS:

2 New board Members (1) must be a physician - with Regina's resignation we now need two new board members. The board members had a discussion regarding what political affiliation and degree/license a person needs to be on the board and looked over the IC statutes for board members. Members had a few ideas of who to ask. It was decided that we would wait a month to put an ad in the paper to see what response we get from the persons the board members talk with. If at that time we are still in need of board members we will put an ad in the paper as in the past.

Woodland Hills Update – Alfredo Garcia, PhD handed out a letter that was sent to Georgia Kelly on July 12, 2018 stating the last time that he was on the property (July 12, 2018) everything was completely dry, there was no standing water. Also, Rex Pranger, County Surveyor has been out on the property and discussed the issue with Georgia. Alfredo has not heard anything from Georgia since the letter was sent. A copy of the letter is attached.

Budget Update – Alfredo Garcia, PhD. let the board know that the budget has been approved with the 3% increase per the Commissioner's recommendation, as it was presented to the board at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Contract 2019 – The attorney contract was discussed and approved. Dr. Jeffrey Bassett made a motion to approve the contract and it was seconded by Tammy Weldon.

Set Meeting Dates for 2019 – If the meetings are kept per quarter as we have done the past few years the dates would be January 8th, April 9th, July 9th and October 8th. There is a conflict with board members on January 8th so we will not schedule a meeting for the first quarter at this time and will leave it open to if there is a need to call a meeting sometime within the first quarter that can be done. There is also a conflict on October 8th. It was brought up to have the meetings the first Tuesday of the month. So the meeting dates for 2019 have been set as April 2, 2019, July 2, 2019 and October 1, 2019. All meetings will be at 7:00 pm at the LaGrange County Health Department.

Board Re-Appointments - Dr. Jeffrey Bassett and Dr. Gregory Mielke have been filled out paperwork to be approved by the LaGrange County Commissioners each of their new terms, when approved will expire December 31, 2022.

STANDING AGENDA REPORTS:

Nursing Report – Reports were looked over by each board member. Dr. Gregory Mielke questioned whether or not the Communicable report was accurate on Chlamydia because he thought the number should be higher. Dr. Pechin explained that the numbers go from the lab to the state and we receive them from the state. That is the number received from the state.

Food Environmentalist Report – Jarod Nisley went over his report. Tammy Weldon asked "what constitutes an emergency situation"? Jarod said an emergency is when a water report for a restaurant is bad or when there is an accident (truck rollovers) involving any type of food substance.

Septic Environmentalist Report – Alfredo Garcia, PhD. went over his report. There were no questions.

Vital Statistics Report – Kelly Bills went over her report. Cheri asked how the numbers compared to the previous year. The births are within 5 or 6 from last year.

Immunization Program Report – Reports were looked over by board member. Dr. Pechin brought attention to pg. 2 of the report that listed the percentage of children who were current on their shots up to 2 years, 0% are complete. The trend we are seeing is the parents are waiting until their kids are older believing they will be stronger and can handle the vaccines better. This is why we need to concentrate on this problem.

WIC Report – Reports were looked over by each board member. It was suggested that Kelly ask Michelle Tennant, WIC Coordinator to type out the items on the “show rate” report instead of using abbreviations as we don’t know what all of the abbreviations stand for.

Cheri Perkins asked if there was any more business that needed to be discussed. No one had any comments.

Cheri Perkins asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Gregory Mielke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Weldon. Cheri adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the LaGrange County Health Department in the conference room.