

Franklin County Board of Health Minutes
September 22, 2015

Members Present: Carol Miller, Erran Miller, Nancy Retz, Shawn Dietz
Members Absent: Dr. Paltzer
Staff Present: Christa Wiarda, Public Health Administrator; Deb Jones, Home Health Program Director; Jenni Swart, Franklin County Public Health, Earl Kalkwarf, Franklin County Environmental Health; Gary McVicker, Franklin County Board of Supervisors, JoEllen Arends, Franklin County Home Care
Staff Absent:

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by E. Miller.
Approval of Agenda: C. Miller made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by E. Miller. Motion carried.
Public Comments: None
Approval of Minutes: E. Miller made a motion to approve the July 21, 2015 minutes. Seconded by C. Miller. Motion carried.

Advisory Board – Public Health

Open Meeting Meeting was opened at 5:31 p.m.

Follow Up for Annette Lee – Consultant for Homecare

Christa Wiarda felt that it was well worth the money to have Annette come and that it was overall a very positive experience. Annette will be returning to teach a class on OASIS Comprehensive Assessments. Franklin County Public Health will also be able to use Annette Lee as a consultant in the future.

Policy Updates – Jenni Swart New policies for Franklin County Public Health were reviewed and signed off on by Franklin County Board of Health.

Close Meeting Motion was made by Retz and seconded by Dietz to close the meeting. Meeting was closed at 5:47 p.m.

Franklin County Public Health

Old Business None

New Business See Activity Report

Approval of Claims Motion made by E. Miller to approve the Franklin County Public Health Claims. Seconded by C. Miller. Motion carried.

Activity Report

Emergency Preparedness Jenni updated the Board of Health on regarding Emergency Preparedness. They are in the process of creating an App that people can use to fill out required paperwork for flu shot clinics and other public health clinics on their phones or other electronic devices.

Flu Shot Clinics Going well. Very busy. Public Health will be providing flu shots for the county employees.

Modernization of Medicaid 4 private companies have been contracted by the state to provide Medicaid coverage. A class was held on September 22nd that some of the Franklin County Public Health/Franklin County Home Care employees were able to attend. Employees have learned that there is no standard between the 4 companies.

In October or November, packets will be mailed out to providers explaining more about how the program will work.

The Medicaid company will be assigned to Medicaid patients.

The states wants patients to register online for this coverage.

The state wants everything completed and ready to roll out on January 1, 2016.

Coding Conversion from ICD9 to ICD10 –

Began on October 1st. Carefax is confident that everything is ready to go.

Update VA

The VA is changing also. There are currently 15 client in Franklin County that are receiving VA services. The government has hired Healthnet Choice to administer services to the VA patients. At this point, Franklin County Public Health is trying to submit an application to be able to administer therapies to VA patients within Franklin County, but have had no results and are becoming very frustrated with this process.

Jail Inspection

Went well.

State Grant

Was submitted the week of October 1.

Franklin County Home Care

Old Business

Update on Elderly Waiver – Dietz presented the response from Chuck Palmer in regards to the Franklin County Board of Health and Franklin County Supervisor’s meeting with state officials on August 24th. Dietz read a response that he had written and would be submitting to Mr. Palmer. JoEllen did share that she is helping clients file appeals with the state regarding the status of their Elderly Waiver and that the clients are winning more appeals than are being denied. Dietz would like to visit with more people throughout the county and state levels to share information regarding this issue involving the Elderly Waiver.

New Business

Staffing Issues – currently dealing with staff that are off on medical leave, have work restrictions related to medical issues, and staff that have resigned soon after being hired. Franklin County Home Care is currently looking for a full time CNA, rather than 1 or 2 part time aides, in hopes that the full time benefits will help attract good applicants. Deb is working on the cost report for this year. It is coming in similar to last year’s report.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Retz to approve the August claims report. Seconded by Dietz. Motion carried. Approval of July claims report will occur at the next meeting.

Activity Report

Motion was made by E. Miller to acknowledge Activity Report for Franklin County Home Care. Seconded by C. Miller. Motion carried.

Franklin County Environmental Health

Old Business

Update on Popejoy Situation: Earl stated that he had spoken with both Ron Allen and Jim Jass. Dietz has also spoken with Jim Jass. Earl has also spoken with Tom Birdsall in relation to the Errors and Omissions insurance policy. Earl shared information with the board regarding the cost that Ron Allen incurred to put in the sewer system in question. Earl is waiting to hear back from the insurance adjustor in relation to this situation. Dietz reported that Mr. Jass had also visited with Mr. Allen, and Mr. Allen would be amenable to any solution that doesn’t involve a mandate. The board is recommending that a solution for this situation is reached prior to the Board of Health meeting, that

both parties are present for the meeting, and that the Board of Health have an agreement drawn up for presentation to Mr. Allen. Earl will need to clarify with Mr. Jass whether or not the septic system in question needs to be removed or just non-functioning.

In regards to the Collins' property south of Jim Jass' property in Popejoy, there had been a buyer for that property, but due to the inability to get a clear title, the buyer backed out of the deal. The septic system for this property is still present, but has been farmed over. This septic system is still there, and functioning, but is not currently being used.

New Business

Earl has found a different style of septic system (Fuji-Clean) that may be able to be used in unsewered communities or properties without enough space for a traditional septic system. At the present time, Kent Morton is, or will be, a dealer/installer for this type of system.

**Approval of Claims
Activity Report**

Motion made by E. Miller to approve the claims. Seconded by C. Miller. Motion carried. Activity report was reviewed by the Board of Health.

Board of Health

Old/New Business None
Items less than 24 hours old None

Next Meeting Tuesday, 11/24/15 at 5:30pm at Franklin County Public Health offices.
Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 19:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Retz, Secretary