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**Calhoun County Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2023**

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**Board of Health**

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson  
Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair  
Vivian Davis  
Sonja Elder

**Health Department**

Eric Pessell, Health Officer  
Hailey Black  
Stacy Fayling  
Kevin Green  
Victor Jovanovich  
Erika Larsen  
Ruth Reese  
Brigette Reichenbaugh  
Amanda Smith

**County**

Megan Banning, Finance Director

**Absent**

Rebecca Fleury  
Jeannie Goodrich  
Derek King

**Meeting called to order**

Byrne called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

**Agenda**

Crawford moved for agenda approval. Elder supported. All in favor, motion passed.  
Revision to Agenda: Move presentation to end of meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

Crawford moved for approval of the consent agenda. Davis supported. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Other Business**

Crawford motioned to re-appoint Elder as a member of the BOH. All in favor.

## **Accreditation Update**

Larsen, Health Educator, presented a Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) update. The update included:

- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is slated completion in March 2023
- Focus groups are meeting regularly
- Strategic Planning will begin after completion of the CHIP
- Quality Improvement activities are being implemented within CCPHD
- Performance Management Dashboard overview
- CCPHD domain teams have been created and meetings are taking place

## **CCPHD Update**

Black, Green, and Reichenbaugh presented the CCPHD update.

- Tuberculosis patient has been released and housing will be available this week
- Twenty-one active lead cases in Calhoun County; children with an elevated blood level above 3.5 are considered active cases
- Collaborating with the City of Battle Creek on a lead grant that focuses on detecting lead in homes
- Lead cases are being identified through WIC and clinic services; Pediatric offices are also testing
- Local Health Departments slated to conduct compliance inspections for the Medical Waste program
- Patagonia EMR will go live the week of February 14
- Wrapping of the CCPHD Wellness Wagon is almost complete and will be arriving soon
- Plans to begin working with a staffing agency to fill two full-time Public Health Nurse vacancies

## **Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)**

Fayling, Maternal Child Supervisor, presented an update on FIMR. The presentation included:

- FIMR is an evidence-based process that identifies and analyzes factors that contribute to fetal and infant deaths in infants age birth to one year old.
- Funders
- Goals
  - Describe significant factors that contribute to mortality
  - Design and implement action plans with the information obtained from reviews
- The Case Review Team (CRT) meets quarterly to abstract and document data
- Substance abuse and mental health are the top two contributors to infant mortality
- Zero death certificates received since August 2022
- Recommendations FY23 QI:
  - Normalize grief and pregnancy awareness
  - Educate the public and medical community on how to cope
  - Address the stigma around grief and loss

## **Infant Safe Sleep (ISS)**

Fayling, Maternal Child Supervisor, presented an update on Infant Safe Sleep (ISS). The presentation included:

- The pack-n-play program offers qualifying families a free safe sleep environment
- Between 2017-2021, of the 49 infant deaths, eight were identified as sleep-related

- In hopes to decrease ISS deaths, staff attend community events to educate families and the public

### **Financials**

Banning presented a financial update. The update included:

- Closing FY22
- Revenues
- Expenditures

**Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.**

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Amanda Smith at 269-969-6477 or via email at