

# Ripley County Health Department

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## April 11, 2023 5:00 p.m. Ripley County Health Board Meeting Minutes

<b>HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS Present:</b>	Jason Smith, Chairman
Suzanne Martini, M.D., Health Board Member	Cynthia Lauber, NP, Health Board Member
Jarred Meinders, Health Board Member	Lynn Fledderman, Health Board Member
<b>STAFF Members Present:</b>	
David J. Welsh, M.D., Health Officer	Candy Guenther, Public Health Nurse
Erica Hicks, <u>Clinic Assistant</u>	Lexi Bushhorn, Administrator, MCH/PHEP
Traci Bauman, Food Specialist	
<b>Public:</b>	
Deanna Youngman, MMH	

1. **Call To Order:** The Ripley County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m., presided by Jason Smith, Chairman. Roll call.
2. **January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** The Ripley County Board of Health received the minutes prior to the meeting via email. Minutes were approved. Lynn Fledderman moved to approve the minutes with, Jarred Meinders seconded the motion; on the call of the roll, motion is carried.
3. **Health Officer's Report: Dr. Welsh**
  - Dr. Welsh stated he was beyond happy to be here with both the staff and the board. Ripley County is very fortunate and other counties look to Ripley County frequently. He sits in on the core leadership committee and there are a lot of questions in regards to if health departments will be able to meet the new core requirements where he can happily state Ripley County already meets these. One thing that is great about our department is the Facebook posts- he receives many kudos from AMA members. His friend from Wisconsin came to visit Ripley County and the friend really enjoyed the people of Ripley County. Dr. Welsh reminds everybody to remember how beautiful our county is- especially with having the state park. This is the perfect time to make use of it to get in better shape both physically

and mentally. Spring is coming and now is the best time to be weather planning. Have your grab kit ready in case of an emergency. This is also the best time to start a garden. He quoted a line from Peyton Manning from a commercial and Peyton was told to “take a walk” in which he responded “that’s a great idea!”. Through the core leadership committee, Indiana Department of Health looks to Ripley County frequently and are very favorable of Ripley County. Senate Bill 4 has passed, but the funding will be different than what was initially planned. To receive senate bill 4, the Ripley County Commissioner’s must opt-in. Through local health department calls throughout the state, other local health departments have been sharing what is working great for their department. Marion County shared their experience with eyelashes and have offered assistance to any county in need. Now is the time to think about potential use of funding throughout the county.

- Jason Smith- The time is very near for funding. Does anybody have any questions?
- No further questions.

#### 4. Old Business:

##### A. Nurses Update

- Candy Guenther reported that there is only going to be Moderna Monovalent for those 6 months to 5 years. They are phasing out all other Moderna Monovalent vaccines and switching to the Bivalent vaccine. There is going to be a change in Novavax to a 10, 5 dose vial carton. It has been difficult to explain to the public the differences between a booster and a bivalent vaccine. At this time, there is no guidance on the next step for flu and COVID.
- Dr. Martini stated that she had to already put in her flu order for this coming season and there was no option to order a combination vaccine.

##### B. MCH Update

- Lexi Bushhorn reported that the state is thrilled with how well the program is going. Dearborn County Health Department has also got their program up and running. Lexi has visited 19 home visits and 20 in person classes. Fathers have been attending the classes which has been amazing. The department is currently waiting on the car seat delivery with ICJI. RCHD is hosting a car seat class for the community in May. Lexi reported that she is now a proxy which is one step above a technician.
- Dr. Martini- asked about what was being taught at these classes because she is still seeing high-risk mothers coming in to the hospital.
- Lexi reported that they go over safe sleep, post-partum and other forms to take care of themselves while they are pregnant- quitting smoking, exercising, healthy lifestyles.

##### C. Environmental Update

- Lexi Bushhorn reported that there are 2 open septic complaints that are being completed this week. There is a property with a leak that could be coming from 3 different houses; therefore, a dye test will be performed. There was a report of meth findings in a ditch from ISP- since it is in a ditch and not a structure, the health department will not have much involvement.
- Dr. Welsh suggested some education materials that he had available for the staff.
- Lexi Bushhorn reported that there are 9 mobile food permits. Dr Welsh asked if there were any conflicts with Batesville and the mobile permits? Lexi stated that there were not. Traci stated that they were just going to charge another fee, more like a parking fee for the food trucks. The food trucks will still be inspected by the health department.

- Lexi Bushhorn stated that there was an uptick in dog-bite reports. There were 21 this quarter, in the past 4 years, the average was 8.75. There were also racoon bites reported. Deanna Youngman stated that the patient received the vaccination series.
- Dr. Welsh mentioned that there will be a change in tattoos, eyelash extensions, and piercings. All establishments are registered and permitted by Ripley County Health Department.
- Cindy Lauber asked for clarifications for guidelines and inspections. Traci stated that she inspects all of the Ripley County establishments.
- Dr. Welsh asked Candy how easy it was to receive the lead testing kit and if our lead test results have increased. Candy stated that we have not seen an increase and we are unsure on how hard it is to receive as we have not requested it and it is a shared asset through the state.
- Jason Smith asked what would happen if a house is condemned and the person moves or passes away. Lexi Bushhorn stated that the house will then go to the person next in line and they will be in charge of the cleaning. Adult Protective Services informed the department that it is not illegal to live in a hoarder home in Indiana. Traci Bauman stated that if it is a Meth house that is condemned- testing will have to be performed.

#### **D. Harm Reduction Update**

- Lexi Bushhorn reported that there were 70 drug test kits distributed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Lexi also addressed that Margaret Mary Health has redone their strategic plan and the drug test kits may be coming to an end. MMH is focusing more on the mental health, core aspect of the issue. Dr. Welsh stated that this would be a great potential for GPHC funding. 29 hygiene kits, 121 Naloxbox narcans, 70 narcans organization, 10 intramuscular kits distributed. 1685 syringes collected, 13 containers received and distributed. There were 5 overdoses in the county for the quarter.
- Jason Smith had questioned if there is a correlation with the uptick with the Narcan that was being distributed and the lower number of overdoses. Lexi stated that she was unsure if it was correlated, but a lot of businesses have taken some to have some on hand at their facilities.
- Dr. Welsh stated that the DEA was requiring more CMEs for opioids for their licensing.

#### **E. Vital Records Update**

- Lexi Bushhorn stated that the Permittium online ordering has been going great. The office went live on March 22, 2023. From march 22, 2023 to March 30, 2023 there were 22 orders placed. There were a few hiccups in the beginning, but they all have been resolved since. Lexi was excited to report on behalf of Missy Byrd and Ashley Salyer that they are excited to attend the Vital Records Conference. This is an association that the department has not been involved with since 2010.

#### **F. Stop-the-Bleed Update**

- Jason Smith stated that he was thankful to have received \$5,000 from Rising Sun Regional Foundation. The initial request was up to \$30,000. Jason stated that there are other funding opportunities. One of which being the health department. He is looking for more avenues to ensure that there are enough for the entire county.

### **5. New Business:**

#### **A. Upcoming Events**

- Lexi Bushhorn reported that she was invited to the Chamber event in Sunman by Ron Decker and she will be attending that for some community outreach. Ripley County

Health Department will be hosting an event April 20, 2023 at the Annex to help the community “check their coverage”. There will be free offerings at this event in hopes to bring more community members in. There are also other events coming up in Batesville that the staff will be attending.

- Jason Smith asked how we were advertising for these. Lexi stated that they have sent press releases as well as sent the flyer to other community agencies.
- Lexi stated that she had an idea to create a health and wellness coalition, but was not sure where to start. Ashley Salyer came to her with some ideas. It is in the works to get the health and wellness coalition started this quarter as the first meeting is tomorrow. This coalition will have dieticians, local gyms, teachers, as well as anybody that is interested. Ashley also has found a grant for an outdoor fitness court. Some of the ideas include: Complex, Osgood Trails, and Milan. Lynn Fledderman stated to work with each town board and marshals as they will help in assisting with this opportunity. Lexi also stated that the department will like to host a 5k, but was curious as to how to charge a registration fee. Lynn stated that we would be able to partner with a town board and the funds can go through the towns with our help of sponsoring the event.

#### B. GPHC Ideas

- Lexi Bushhorn presented some of the ideas that have been received back from community members as well as county workers. These include: AED survey, nurse practitioner, salary increases, lead education/abatement, accreditation, mental health, part time environmentalist, partnering with gyms for vouchers, TPC education (the department is awaiting to hear for the TPC grant that would start June 1, 2023), prevention of pregnancies, prescription disposal, communication without towers, satellite clinics.
- Dr. Welsh stated that these funds really need to be utilized to help with a competitive salary for our current and new staff. Dr. Welsh stated that he was contacted by a commissioner with a request to partner with EMS/First responders. Lexi stated that in the past 6 months, there has been a great partnership with EMS/first responders.

#### C. Administrator Salary

- Lexi Bushhorn presented that she has been offered a new position, by the request of the board, she submitted a salary amendment to the Auditor’s office. The salary amendment will be for \$60,000.
- Lynn Fledderman moved to approve the salary amendment, Cindy Lauber seconded the motion; on the call of the roll, motion is carried.
- Cindy Lauber questioned when the council meeting will be that this will be heard at. Lexi stated that the council meeting is at 6:00pm on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Jason Smith mentioned that the reasoning that it took so long for a response was the hesitancy for the council to deny this request. With much thought, the department has more than enough funding to cover this request and the board feels it is well deserved.

#### 6. Public Comments

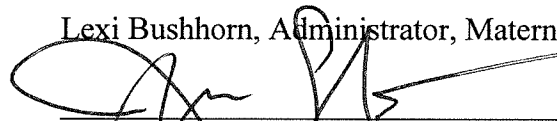
- **Margaret Mary Health-** Deanna Youngman presented for MMH she reported that Margaret Mary Health is had a flu related death in December. Deanna mentioned the change of the strategic plan- Margaret Mary Health is really putting a focus on finding the core issues going on in the community rather than overlooking the outcomes.

D. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Dr. Martini and seconded by Jarred Meinders to adjourn; on call of the roll, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

E. **Next Meeting-** 7.11.2023

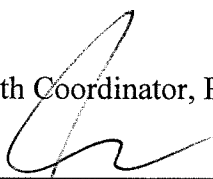
Respectfully submitted,

Lexi Bushhorn, Administrator, Maternal Child Health Coordinator, Preparedness Coordinator



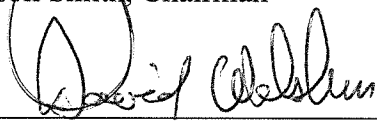
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Jason Smith, Chairman



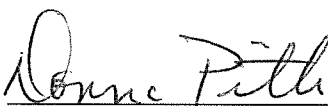
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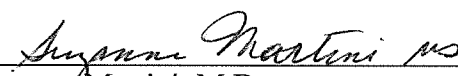
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David J. Welsh, M.D., Health Officer



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Donna Pitts, Pharmacist

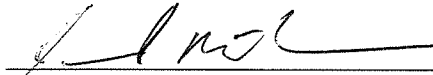


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