



Lincoln County Health Department

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Lincoln County Health Department
Board of Health Minutes
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The meeting was held in the Lincoln County Commissioners Chambers with Zoom conference call/video.

Members Present:

Commissioner Hutsell
Commissioner Coffman
Commissioner Gilchrist
Danita Hammond – community member
Dave Rettkowski – consumer
Jace Angelly – healthcare

Dr. Raaj Ruparel – absent

Members Absent:

With all members present, a quorum was present.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hutsell, at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was shared with no additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes:

May 15th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

No public comment was received.

New Business:

DOH Consolidated Contract Amendment #14 was reviewed. The amendment provides \$903,000 in funding to support FPHS activities, \$3,263 to support WIC activities and \$5,600 to support immunization outreach. Motion to approve Con Con amendment #14 was made with the amendment being forwarded to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for signature.

Odessa School Nurse Contract was presented for approval for LCHD to provide school nursing services to Odessa School District for 23/24 school year. It was questioned why

LCHD was providing this service to Odessa and why they were not finding their own provider. It is difficult to find this skillset to serve the limited hours in Odessa.

Ed Dzedzy provided the Board with an update on upcoming FPHS funding and the work that funding cover:

- \$62,0000 to support fiscal capacity.
- \$200,000 to support communications
- \$169,000 to support emergency planning and response
- \$75,000 to support immunizations outreach
- \$150,000 to support Environmental Public Health
- \$150,000 to support illicit substance use prevention.

Ed Dzedzy presented information on the new Local Solid Waste Enforcement grant with the Department of Ecology. Funding is provided to cover 75% of the cost for the Health Department to conduct solid waste enforcement activities. The contract will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for signature when received.

Ed Dzedzy presented an update on the Purple Air Monitors the Health Department has placed at Lincoln County schools to provide local air quality data during smoke events.

Abby Withers presented on the HEPA air filter distribution to underserved populations. LCHD received 22 HEPA filters that will be distributed to residents with health issues and low income.

Abby Withers presented on the Health Departments work to distribute marijuana lock boxes and bags to marijuana users to prevent youth access to adults' products in the home.

Old Business:

Ed Dzedzy presented the status of the new public health building addition. The building is complete and currently in use. The building needs landscaping currently.

Carey Guhlke-Falk updated the Board on the Health Equity projects being conducted with the Lincoln County Health Collaborative with a goal of improving access to youth vaccinations and flu shots.

Reports:

- Dr. Ruparel – Health Officer - No reports currently.
- Commissioner Hutsell - No reports currently.
- Board Members – No reports currently.
- Ed Dzedzy, Director – No report currently

Board of Health Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023.

With no further business – the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.