

**Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
October 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health was called to order in the Council Chambers located at 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 5:45 p.m., pursuant to the notice sent to all Directors in accordance with the bylaws.

The following Directors were present: Deb Lambert, Ted Sobol, Dr. William Pond, Dr. Todd Rumsey and Patti Hays. Absent: Tim Pape and Mary Hess

Dr. William Pond presided over the meeting. Jennifer Miller recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Dr. Rumsey called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Motion was made and approved to accept the July 16, 2018 minutes.

Summary of Motions Passed at this Meeting:

- Motion was made by Patti Hays to approve the July 16, 2018 minutes. Deb Lambert seconded the motion. (MPU)
- Motion was made by Dr. Rumsey to give a Do-Pass recommendation to Title 10, Article 7 (Tattoo & Body Piercing Ordinance) – Patti Hays seconded the motion. (MPU)
- Motion was made by Patti Hays to give a Do-Pass recommendation to Title 10, Article 4.5 (Onsite Sewage Disposal Ordinance) with the amendment of holding any fines for 90 days– Dr. Rumsey seconded the motion. (MPU)

**VISITOR PRESENTATIONS:**

**The Addiction Crisis in Allen County: An Evolving Issue: Jana Sanders, Informatics Director, Dr. Greg Eigner and Dr. Brian Henriksen, Fort Wayne Medical Education Program, Captain Kevin Hunter, Fort Wayne Police Department:** Jana Sanders, Dr. McMahan, Captain Kevin Hunter, Dr. Eigner and Dr.

Henriksen, presented new information that has been discovered in this joint study of the department and the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program. The group has now been able to look at INSPECT data for the study period and presented their findings to the board which included the determination that deaths due to prescribed opioids are down and deaths due to illicit substances have risen. Captain Kevin Hunter shared up-to-date data about current drug seizures.

- See supplements for data presented to the board.

**Board Appointment Reports:**

**Sewer Board Update – Gary Chapple (the Board’s representative and ex-officio member on the Allen County Regional Water and Sewer District):**

- Gary reported that construction is complete in the Glen Elm Drive area and the notice to connect went out 10/2/18. The river crossing in the Poe project has been made, but there are a couple of issues to address before the remainder of the connections can happen in that area. The District is closing on a loan for the next round of projects on October 29<sup>th</sup>, which include

approximately 200 connections which were mentioned at the July meeting. Pre-construction conferences are scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> in all areas. The Department of Health has worked through all of the exemption requests for this new group of projects and is working with the owners on any areas that need corrections. As mentioned at the last meeting, the District plans to wait to pursue additional projects until this new group is under construction.

#### **Health Commissioner's Report – Deborah A. McMahan, MD**

- Dr. McMahan said she had recently reviewed the death by suicide data. She is expecting the numbers to be about the same as 2017 – which was a 40 percent increase over 2016. She said the age range was 12-81 years-olds. Deaths by asphyxia have risen to the number one cause of death. Dr. McMahan said she wanted the board to know she is concerned about this and is working hard with community partners to address this as a medical problem.
- SEE ACTUAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR ALL OTHER INFORMATION SHARED (but not discussed).

#### **Communicable Disease Report – Deborah A. McMahan, MD**

- Dr. McMahan said the last year was the worse flu season we have seen for a long time and she looks for an equally bad season this year. "It will be challenging for some physicians to know what type of vaccine to recommend for some folks," she said. She added that she is currently reviewing data to make recommendations. She said she would like to see the department work on a campaign for everyone to get their Hepatitis A and Pneumonia vaccine at the same time.
- STI cases continue to increase. She said, "We continue to struggle with this increased volume and the anonymity involved in reaching all contacts. Our clinical and outreach staff have done a wonderful job of addressing the Hep A epidemic, the increase in STI's and everything else we have had going on. We have had to really shake up and change the way we address these issues. I am really proud of how they are stepping up and changing how we treat these."
- Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) – Dr. McMahan said this has been around since 2014. "It looks like polio. It's getting a lot of attention. It is very frightening. It is very scary – experts are having difficulty pinpointing any virus. The CDC is working hard to understand this. If you have a child that has an acute paralysis of one limb – get your child into be seen," she said. She also commented that there is no treatment at this time, just supportive care.
- SEE ACTUAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT FOR ALL OTHER INFORMATION SHARED (but not discussed).

#### **Administrator's Report – Mindy Waldron**

- Mindy said that in two weeks the SSP clinic will be open for two years. She shared that when the 100,000 needle was turned in, internally the staff celebrated the fact that the clinic has kept a lot of people from sharing needles or dumping them on the side of the road. She said that more data will be shared as the clinic officially reaches the two-year mark, but the data is still very positive. The most positive data point is that the clinic is hovering around a 98/99 percent exchange rate. Over 70 people have taken advantage of the clinic to date. With the addition of

the new building, the work flow at the clinic is greatly improved. Dr. Pond mentioned that continued use of data for the SSP clinic would be helpful as he and other board members speak with legislators.

- Mindy also shared that the reorganization of the environmental programs has gone well. She explained that the Vector Control Division and the Pollution Control Division are now under one umbrella division: Environmental Services. Dave Fiess is the Director of the Division. Gary Chapple is the Coordinator for the Pollution Control area and Josh Blauvelt is the Coordinator for the Vector Control and Healthy Homes area. August 1, 2018 is when the transition occurred. Mindy said that other than program oversight, not a lot has changed at the moment. Mindy said she will bring updates about the division in future meetings.
- Mindy said the new Specialty Services Building is open and functioning well for staff. The addition of the building has allowed for more efficient service for the SSP clinic and Mindy and Dr. McMahan said they both look forward to using the building for future needs.
- SEE ACTUAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR ALL INFORMATION SHARED (but not discussed).

#### **Personnel Report – Mindy Waldron**

- Megan Hubartt was hired as the Communication Director.
- Kyle Mathewson was hired as a Pollution Control Program technician.
- There are open positions for a public health nurse and a food inspector position.

#### **Old Business**

Dr. Pond reported that the resolution by Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) to support raising taxes on all tobacco products has been unanimously supported and the organization adopted the resolution. The resolution states that all funds raised should go directly to local health departments.

#### **New Business**

- **Title 10, Article 7 (Tattoo & Body Piercing Ordinance) – Amendments for Discussion and Do-Pass Vote (Mindy Waldron)**– Mindy explained that the amendments mostly cover changes to what is allowed at tattoo conventions. The largest and maybe only tattoo convention of its kind takes place in Fort Wayne on a yearly basis and the organization of what is needed is very substantial for the staff. Body piercing is not allowed at the events and the amendments state that. Steve Schumm, Director of the Food and Consumer Protection Division, also explained that the late fees for permits will be increased in the hopes that more vendors will complete what is needed on time. Patron records also will need to be accurately completed or enforcement actions will be taken. Patti Hays also asked if the amendments could use the language “temporary events,” instead of “temporary tattoo.” She said this would help clarify the ordinance. Patti Hays also asked if the second time offenders could be fined at a higher rate. Mindy Waldron asked if the board would be ok with giving a do-pass recommendation with that type of fine increase written in to the ordinance. The board voted for a do-pass recommendation. (MPU)

- **Title 10, Article 4.5 (Onsite Sewage Disposal Ordinance)-Amendments for Discussion and Do-Pass Vote (Mindy Waldron)**- Mindy explained that due to newer types of septic systems in place a lot more visits and inspections are required by staff members. Gary Chapple, Pollution Control Coordinator, explained the new technology and changes needed in the ordinance in order to make sure all systems are safe and in working order. Finally, he explained that the sellers’ disclosure form will now be required to be filed with the department at the time of sale of a home or fines will be issued. Gary commented that the department would work with realtors and those home owners selling their homes without realtors to make sure this is not a burden to complete.
- **Pone Vongphachanh – Public Affairs Officer for the Upstar Alliance of Realtors, Inc. –** Pone asked the board to not approve the requirement that seller have to submit the disclosure form to the department until her board can approve the form as well. She also commented that the method for submitting forms should be finalized. Gary Chapple said that forms could be accepted by mail, fax or email.
- After board discussion, the do-pass recommendation was passed (MPU) with the added amendment to hold off issuing any fines for not submitting the form for 90 days. This would give Ms. Vongphachanh’s agency time to comply with the ordinance.
- **Thank you to Dr. Todd Rumsey – Final Meeting as Board Member** – Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters came to thank Dr. Rumsey for his years of service as a board member. He said, “He has been great counsel to me and the Commissioners.” He said Dr. Rumsey has really taken to heart the health of the citizens of Allen County. Mindy Waldron commentated that Dr. Rumsey, as a board member, was asked for input and advice on many occasions, not just board meetings. She said his support has been greatly appreciated. Dr. Rumsey thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Adjournment by Dr. Rumsey at: 7:14 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: January 28, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah A. McMahan, MD  
Health Commissioner

William Pond, MD  
Board President