

## **Health Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2026**

Meeting starts, roll call: Kathy, Leanne, Tony, and Jacob are present, Taylor is absent at this time.

Made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, all approved.

### **Starting off with the staff reports:**

Health Officer Report (Given by April Hicks)

March 19th we had a visit from the IDOH discussing what was accomplished in 2025 along with what the plans are for 2026. They had given us suggestions and the majority of what they had suggested we were already accomplishing.

Dr. Kahre, April, and Sarah are all actively participating in the Region 8 GROW Indiana Grant Initiative meetings, they are all participating in sub committees.

We have our Prom Extrication Demos that are planned for each of the high schools in Warrick County, working on planning for that and finishing up with meetings and goody bags for this.

The Community Medic Contract was approved by the County Council at the March meeting and we are just waiting on the Ascension Legal Team. Tony adds we should be hearing from them soon.

In regards to finances we have not had any major changes. In regards to account 1159 our appropriation was \$868,140.71. The unexpanded balance is currently \$792,589.06. For account 1161 the total appropriation was \$511,892. The current unexpanded balance is \$480,063.78.

Moving forward with Vital Records:

Sydney is still on maternity leave. Jackie begins the report for vital records, states they have 278 births, 87 deaths, still 11 out. One was a multi-drug toxicity. 16 cancers and 2 self inflicted gun shots. Someone from the public said great words about Jackie!

Food Sanitation:

Tina Latham says they have had 20 routine food inspections, 17 school inspections, 13 new food truck permits, 3 new food establishments opened (Newburgh 7 Brew, Jimmy John's, and Tropical Smoothie Cafe moved). They toured the new jail facility with John Dorne, the city building inspector. For pools they have been working with Ohio Township and Boonville Aquatics, working everything out to get the establishments pre-ops and then getting them ready to open. They are working with the Area Planning Commission, Ohio Township Fire Inspector, and The City of Boonville Fire Inspector to have a more fluid approach to the opening or remodeling of any food establishment in Warrick County.

There was an issue with the Ohio Township Splash Pad's water discharging into the wrong area. It was going to be draining into a retention pond, they're working closely with the Township

Trustee, Chad to come up with a solution, along with working with the state. They came up with a plan that looks doable And received a letter saying they can now hook up to the nearest sewer connection. They will go out and check with connections and get them on the route to getting the pre-op done.

#### Environmental Report:

No environmental inspector at this time. There was an issue with the budget when it was created. The position was not moved over when the positions were being added. It has been requested from the Health Department by Council, however, it goes against their procedure. We are receiving assistance from Colin Ward from the Indiana Department of Health. There is a current mold issue with the apartment complex in Lynnville, hoping to assist them to get that mitigated. There is a septic issue that the department is trying to help an individual get financial assistance to be able to replace the septic system on their property. Continuing on about the options the department has given these individuals. Legal offers assistance if needed to control the mold complaints and get them fixed, states we will probably need to do an abatement letter.

#### Nursing report:

February 12 at the Indiana Statehouse Public Health Day was held. Warrick County was asked to host a table presenting our Health First Indiana accomplishments. We met with our Rep Vanetta Becker while there.

Attended the Warrick County Cares meeting Feb 19.

District 10 nurses meeting was held 2/20 in Dubois County. Updates on vaccines from Merck, instruction from IDOH regional teams

Attended the LEPC meeting 2/25 and volunteered to be on the planning committee for the Disaster Drill to be held later this spring. It will be a table top exercise. The planning committee will meet in April for the first session.

All tuberculosis patients are well and under private provider's care.

Working with Impact Ministries to host a blood pressure screening event April 27 and will be open to the public. Angelina has created a flyer for posting and sharing.

I joined the Region 8 Grow Rural Grant subcommittee on Chronic Disease and the Pediatric sub group for chronic disease that Dr. Del Rio Hoover is heading. Those meetings are held weekly. Increase in Immigration services have been noted. That appears to be increased in the area in other counties as well.

The coroner requested the opioid funding be utilized for the Infant Mortality Review and the surrounding areas. Discussion about the safe sleep baby and loaning the second one to the coroner's office, they are going to utilize it for educational and outreach purposes. Could even be used to train police officers, fire fighters, ems, etc.

#### Outreach/ Client relations:

Angelina and Isa have been working on nutrition class with Purdue Extension, working on putting the flyers out in the public and sending them out to our contacts. For those who show up to all three classes, they will receive an air fryer and a goody bag with enough food to make a meal. These products were purchased with HFI funding.

We have been working on prep for the prom extraction event, getting goody bags together, setting up meetings with all parties participating in the event, setting up the parking plans, going over the script, getting all of the hammers (seat belt cutters/window breakers) and keychains, all to focus on or "Don't Drive Distracted" event. Have been working with software companies to set up meetings to find a software best fitting for our entire department. Partnering with EMA on the prom event along with getting them weather radios. Possibly an event with Warrick Ascension St. Vincent for the summer to get the kids involved, planning to do a meeting for that in the following weeks. Doing a blood pressure event with Impact Ministries to check their blood pressure and educate them on ways to regulate it when needed. Planning with Indiana Public Health Association and Health By Design to do the Active Living Workshop like we did Walk With the Doc but including biking as well.

Emergency preparedness:

Sarah plans on volunteering for the LEPC committee. April and Sarah attended their first tabletop committee meeting.

Questions about internships:

We only have one at the moment, hoping to have two in the upcoming semester. We had three interns apply for our internship program without us advertising and then after we advertised it we had two more applicants but only chose one this time.

Community Medic Update:

Waiting on ascension and then we can move forward. Then it will be brought to the commissioners and will wait for approval from them.

Health board vacant seats, there are two at this time. It was recommended that before the meeting the health board comes up with recommendations for people to fill the seats then it be brought to the meeting and make a motion during the meeting. Stevie Mckeethen was one recommendation given by Tony O'Neal. The recommendations can be sent to Dr. Kahre and April and give that to the commissioners to either approve or deny those recommendations. Tony explains he thinks she would be a good fit for the board and that she is still interested in the position. Tony makes a motion to forward her name to the commissioners, all approve.

Construction on the bathroom & Matthew 25:

It was posted last month on the 19th, we were given approval to begin construction on the bathroom. We can begin moving forward on the 19th of this month (April). We have enacted an MOU with Matthew 25 aids to begin coming in once a month to offer HIV and Hepatitis C testing in our office. Going to check on the MOU to make sure that we are held harmless for the testing.

Tricap Healthy Family MOU contract is still in process. We are waiting to get an MOU proposed back, hopefully by the end of the month.

Environmental position is still open, a letter of concern has been given and forwarded by our state Environmentalist Colin Ward. As to the capacity of the administrator to be able to handle

all of the environmental complaints and practice as administrator, there is not much we can do currently regarding this concern. We will continue to take complaints and concerns and give permits as we are able. Contractors are aware of our lack of staffing in this position and there has been no push back. Request made that this letter be sent to the County Council in hopes it will change their viewpoint. The board makes a motion for resolution in hopes to assist in the process of reopening the line for the septic environmental position, all approve the motion, the motion passes.

New ordinances pool & food:

Have submitted proposed ordinances for the pool due to there not being one at this time. It will help in the plan review process. They have been submitted to Aaron for review. The food ordinance has also been submitted to Aaron, mainly to update the previous one. The body art ordinance is in the works of getting updated due to it being outdated as things have changed throughout the years. They will be adding a plan review to that as well.

Septic system ordinances:

They are currently in need of an ordinance/ordinances for the position and it will be in the process of getting created once the position is filled. There are currently no ordinances for this position. Also potentially getting an ordinance for the mold issues that are rising in our department. If the department gets an ordinance that follows the Indiana statute then we will be able to take more action in the future when it comes to abating homes that are a health hazard.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, all agree.

The next meeting is May 13, 2026 at 3:30.