

Health Board Meeting

12-10-2025

Meeting called to order

Tony, Taylor, Kathy, LeAnne present

Jacob and Dr. Seibert both absent

LeAnne checks to make sure everyone had time to review the previous minutes. After everyone agrees they then start the meeting with old business to cover the Parrish and HIMS Program contract.

April explains we do have an update on that we are actually looking at two additional programming software options. States she works in Go Gov so that is still in the planning process. States that it just made more sense and it was more cost efficient and it made more sense to have compatible interdepartmental software so we can overlap with other departments and it provides transparency.

Tony questions where we are on the contract for this.

April states that there are two different contracts being worked on, following with comparing and contrasting the differences.

April states that we are hoping by the end of the year, if not the first of the year, so December/January.

LeAnne questions Aaron Allen on if we will need a meeting after the decision is made.

Aaron goes into detail to his understanding The Health Board had approved Parrish and it got to the next phase and once the Health Board saw the price tag they took a step back. They are meeting with a different software company that provides a broader more county wide solution for a similar price. Multiple departments are going to see if this company will meet all of their needs. It will need to be brought to the commissioners due to it being a county wide software solution. Figuring out the details of the payment for this software company

Moving onto the Social Media Policy

Dr. Kahre states The Health Department got the “okay” from Debbie Bennett Stearsman to put the Facebook page live. The Health Department is utilizing the Facebook page to post about recalls, outreach events, media stories. Planning to start doing daily posts after being approved by the Health Officer and/or administrator. Posts regarding outreach events, recalls, food safety, safety events, safe sleep, etc.

Dr. Kahre states this is the county social media policy that April Hicks wrote and took it to the Commissioners and the other department heads and got it approved.

Moving onto Health Board Vacant Seat

Aaron explains Cliff sent out an email describing there are 3 republicans and 3 democrats so the last person can be in either political party. The board and department recommend up to three people and then inform the commissioners and then go based off of recommendation.

Moving onto New Business

Dr. Kahre goes into detail about the community paramedic MIH program with Warrick EMS. Discuss drafting a contract with Aaron. Idea to fund the program for 5 years to start it and then EMS would take over ownership and funding it. Going more of a grant route rather than a year to year contract renewal. Big things are redaction and the frequent utilizers for lift assist and home safety evaluations. Hospital follow ups to lessen readmissions, community outreach, CPR training, AED training, stop the bleed training, injury prevention, safety checks with new families/caregivers, and mental health wellness checks for first responders.

LeAnne questions how we will know what parties to enroll.

Dr. Kahre explains that with contacting other counties we have decided going to frequent fliers is important and reaching/making contact to see if we would be able to do home checks and wellness checks. Cardiology departments will also be in contact with us.

Taylor states she has spoken with others who have done programs like this and has heard great things about the outcome.

Dr. Kahre states that she would have the trainee for this position go to surrounding counties for shadowing and processes.

Discussion about hours and the scheduling for this position and that it will be a 40 hour work week but the days and times are to be determined. It has to be a paramedic, has to maintain state license, has to get community paramedic certification within 2 years. Tricap is interested in partnering with the community paramedic.

Aaron additionally states the big step will be selling it to the county council.

LeAnne asks if the department will be needing to purchase a vehicle and Tony states ascension will be taking care of that.

Emergency Preparedness

Matt had stepped down, April had agreed to taking over and doing the training.

Carseat Program

We purchase car seats and then have them at Boonville Fire and Ohio Fire Department due to them being full-time. There should be 10 car seat technicians by the end of February.

Construction MOU -

Jacob Green enters the meeting during this time

Popham construction reached out offering radon at home test kits. MOU has not yet been drafted/finalized. Popham construction would do education. Aaron states he will get with Dr. Kahre and April, he did not notice it on the agenda and says they will get back to it at a later time.

Septic Issues

The previous person in the position was not properly trained, in over her head, didn't know what she didn't know, and was doing the septic. Janette was hired, very well versed, very knowledgeable, and during the on boarding there were multiple previous mistakes made that caught her eye. There is a list of previous permits that were pulled/revoked. Putting the homeowners at ease. Getting the right foot through the door to make sure there are no problems further down the road.

Vehicles

Making sure that all of our vehicles are really ours due to confusion with animal control having vehicles purchased by the health department.

Child Fatality Review

Vanderburgh County did theirs through a grant that ran out. It comes back to us to fund but we plan to partner with Vanderburgh and Posey County. It would be \$11,000 on our end. Reached out to the prosecutor and the sheriff's office to see if they would be willing to split it three ways. The sheriff did not agree, thinking it would just be between us and the prosecutor.

Tricap

Got through the fully executed pre to 3 program. Tricap does Healthy Families from pre to 5 years old. Tricap offers very many services including home visits and offers assistance to families in need. Very excited and interested in working with the Health Department, if we were to switch from VCHD to Tricap it would be absolutely no charge to the Health Department. Vanderburgh County was going to cost us 200,000 dollars per year. Tricap would be doing the same services but for no cost. Tricap is very well established in our county and very well respected. Motion to send a notice of termination with Vanderburgh. Pending legal, Dr. Kahre, and April for the approval of the MOU with Tricap.

Intern Opportunity

Reaching out to UE to do a collaboration rather than an internship due to not having it in the budget to pay an intern.

Events

February will have another baby shower geared towards fathers with education.

Going to appropriate funds from account 8345 Workforce Development Co-op Agreement

Food Safety

Working with the building commission and fire inspectors to make sure everything is good to go before opening. Starting in January they are wanting to start a committee to cover all of the work at once between all of the departments that need to review the facility before opening. Curious about the FOG Program going through Violia/ City Hall. General Sanitation/ Septic Inspector

Working on inspections, organization, abatement letters, working on starting pool inspections, working on concerns with dumping places for septic tanks.

Public Health Nurse

School clinics, totalling out with 8 schools in October, finishing up with remaining 10 in November. Working on exploring advertisement options for the spring school clinics. Handed out hygiene products that were requested by the schools. Working with Tricap to have a car seat safety day.

Community Outreach

Working on getting certified as a nutritional health educator through the state and community health worker certification program. To partner with the school system. Will be looking into Food is Medicine.

Emergency Preparedness

Working towards getting April appointed. Health Board motions to approve the appointment with the agreement of HR.

Discussion about events and outreach. Great feedback about the community baby shower and looking forward to the next one to network more people. 68 carseats have been dispersed and 64 pack and plays have been provided to the community.

Educate people on consumer product safety on Facebook. Such as people buying things second hand, it is important to check for recalls.

Next meeting Jan 14, 2026