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The Johnson County Board of Health met on June 25, 2025 in the Health Department conference room. Those in attendance were Dr. James Pease (Chairperson), Susie Baker, Ruth Freese, Dr. Chele Heid, Dr. Michael Pauszek, Amanda Stevenson-Holms and Dr. Steve Stopes. Those in attendance from the Health Department were Paul Hass (Board Attorney), Betsy Swearingen, Bob Smith, Cheryl Snider and Lisa Brown.

A motion was made by Amanda Stevenson-Holmes to accept the minutes for the April board meeting. Dr. Michael Pauszek seconded the motion on the condition changes requested by Paul Hass. The changes had been made and the minutes were accepted. Those changes where, the policy currently named "Policy for Board Information" shall be renamed "Executive Session Notes 04-10-2025", File named "Post Executive Meeting 04-10-2025" will be renamed "Open Meeting Minutes 04-10-2025". In the Open Meeting minutes 04-10-2025, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, these changes will be made:

- The executive meeting adjourned shortly after 9:00 am.
- The Open Meeting started at 9:19 am.

Executive meeting:

No meeting took place.

Nursing Report:

Lisa reported

- **May** nursing had 51 patients    22 TB patients            6 HIV            8 TB Blood draw
- **June** nursing had 43 patients    23 TB Patients            6 HIV            61 TB Blood draw

There are 2 Active TB cases and 48 Latent cases.

We have contracted with Home Instead which has home health care employees who go to patients homes and work with them. They are sending their employees to the Health Department for blood drawn TB test. Last week 40 + blood draws were completed.

There are 18 open cases of lead and 8 are confirmed.

Environmental Report:

Bob reported pool season is up and running. East of I65 there are two subdivisions who have recently installed pools. Three pools have been closed so far. One was for bacteria, one had too much chlorine, and the last did not have enough chlorine.

Septic

A proposed Dollar General near Amity is to go in the old Sale Barn. There is a business there now and it is on a septic that had repairs a short while ago. Dollar General would go in that building and the original business would be on the same parcel, in a different building, on a holding tank.

Housing

There are two notable housing issues. One was a hoarding issue where the owner was removed from the property because of a medical condition and taken to the hospital. Since the plumbing was not hooked up and there was no running water, they were defecating in buckets and urinating in milk jugs. Betsy spoke with the hospital to request he not be released to go home until the problem with the mobile home could be resolved. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> property this particular man and his roommate have owned that has had a hoarding/condemnation order. Arrangements are being made for this couple to stay together in a long term

health facility. The second place is in Trafalgar which has a multi-generation family in it. Trafalgar has an ordinance which states a property cannot have chickens unless they are contained in a coop. The coop on this property had been removed so the family was keeping them in a room in the house. The chickens were laying eggs in the house and there is a roach problem and a mouse infestation. Animal control removed the chickens and there are a few improvements getting done. They had a homemade mouse trap with a bucket, water, steps and bait. They caught 16 the first night and 14 the next day.

#### Festivals

The festivals are in full swing. Farmer's markets and concerts are every week.

On Saturday there will be a "Tire Amnesty" day. The Health Department will host, along with Solid Waste, a drop off sight in our parking lot. One can bring old tires they need to get rid of and we will dispose of them. Community Corrections will be sending some of their guys over to volunteer their time to help load the tires on the semi.

Greenwood will be having their Freedom Fest on Saturday. At least 3 nights a week we have Farmers' Markets and every weekend there is a concert series in some part of Johnson County. This is making it really difficult for our environmentalists to gage their time without getting into overtime. With the new restrictions put on us by the County, Betsy stated she spends every day fixing time cards and justifying why time is spent.

Lamb Lake has put covenants in place for their property owners. They have gone to no holding tanks. These rules are stricter than what the State puts forth.

The new food codes came out in April and has be adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Cassi added some wording to the code for food trucks and commissaries. Some mobile owners do not understand they need to go back to a commissary EVERY evening to clean and restock their truck.

#### Emergency Preparedness

The grant year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. Betsy is waiting on WIC to get their information together for the emergency call down tree. She is working with 911 to change the caller ID as it comes out of Fishers. Some contacts won't answer their phones as they don't recognize the number. The County will be rolling out the "PulsePoint" app. This is an app for your phone to notify a CPR certified person there is someone in distress near them. Then if they are willing, they can help perform CPR until emergency responders get to the location. Johnson County will be the first county in the state to promote this program.

#### Vital Records

March – May: Births - 115      Deaths – 315      Cancer related – 64      Drug – 5  
                    Suicide – 1      Tobacco related - 21

We've spoke several times of printing death certificates for other counties. Jessen and Wilson St. Pierre is really taking advantage of the service. Jessen Funeral Home is sending a couple orders a week amounting to around \$1000.00 and Wilson St. Pierre sends several hundred a couple of times a week. We do have to save any out of county orders in order to report them to the State. The State then sends the coroner's fee to the appropriate county.

#### Breast Cancer Awareness

For May there were 31 people referred for a screening and provided 30 of those.

#### Community Health

Jaycie introduced herself. She has created, with the help of a couple of interns, a committee for outreach. She and some others are trying to reach out and do things the community needs. One thing is translating some resources into four different languages. She is also going to start a quarterly newsletter with a list of events that will be happening in the county. Ruth is our Community Health worker and is doing an incredible job with the newsletter and promoting what we are doing. We will be reporting HFI numbers from each department and promoting upcoming events to hopefully get some community support. We will be highlighting some of the partnerships we work with. The hope is to have the first issue out in August.

102 doses of Narcan have been distributed in June. We will be providing free CPR for the community through the Greenwood Fire Department. Details are still being worked out.

#### Health First Indiana

We are getting ready to report our numbers for the HFI grant. We have been reporting monthly instead of every six months to make it easier on Jody. Our numbers are due by the end of June. Johnson County HD will get \$846,000.00 for the 2026 and 2027 grant years. It was requested by the Commissioners to give that full amount to the new Behavioral Health Facility at Johnson Memorial. The HFI team is determining what programs already put in place this year will be continued next year. We will have some roll over funds to use. We had money set aside for an afterhours clinic, however this was considered a duplicate program with the new JMH venture that is forthcoming and we are not able to use the HFI funds on something that duplicates services. There is also other money that has not been touched. The Commissioners want to help surrounding counties. Betsy was asked to move \$600,000.00 from community health grants, to the surrounding counties aid line. We are excited to help the town of Edinburgh. They requested funds to help upgrade their playground equipment.

JMH is going to open a rural healthcare clinic on Jefferson Street. Betsy sits on the board for that project. The Board is actively trying to get a fee schedule in place and look at job descriptions. It will be called the Jefferson Street Healthcare Center.

We are required by law to give a portion of county funds to Adult and Child. They are the only agency in Johnson County accredited to provide the services they do. In order to get this accreditation they do need to have crisis service. They do however it is Monday through Friday only. It has been rumored Community Health Services is going to move their mental health services from the north to more a centralized location in Marion County.

#### Oversight

Budget: Tonight there is a joint meeting with the board of Commissioners and the County Council for the budget. Hopefully we will get a better feel of where the budgets will look like. They are finishing up the salary study and are looking at the numbers.

Personnel: Betsy would like to keep her job and the preparedness coordinator's job as one. Lisa has been helping and feels like she can do both jobs together as the one position.

Health Policies: There are no changes at this time.

#### New Business:

Dr. Qualls was re-appointed at the last board meeting. Betsy expressed her appreciation to the board for their support.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Amanda Stevenson-Holmes and a second by Susie Baker

