



Richland County
Health Department
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Richland County Board of Health Meeting February 28, 2025, 12:00p.m.

Present: Laurie Strause, Patty Lies, Lance Ehrlin, Dr. Timothy Nyarandi, Terry Goerger, Rollie Ehlert, Kayla Carlson, Danielle Flack, Amanda Tuura

Call to Order – Laurie Straus, Chair

Introductions

Kayla introduced Kaci and Susie. Commissioner Ehlert was also introduced.

Review/Approval of Minutes & Agenda - Laurie called meeting to order

Patty made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda 2nd by Lance, motion carried.

Health Department Overview

Amanda gave an update on Jail, FP, TB, and footcare

- Jail –
 - Request was made for ear wax removal and stool softener to be added to standing orders. Nyarandi agreed to having these added to the standing orders.
 - Amanda discussed adding opioid and alcohol withdrawal standing orders
 - Dr. Nyarandi signed the standing orders and requested that orders be faxed to the pharmacy.
- Family Planning
 - Amanda would like to implement STI testing with the jail physicals.
 - There is a grant available for syphilis testing. We would get 500 tests
 - The Board of Health supports continuing with grant.
- TB
 - Currently working to treat TB cases in the community.
- Footcare
 - Numbers have increased. Rural clinics were added and RCHD has added extra days in town
- WIC/Car Seats/Cribs for Kids
 - Danielle gave update, programs are going well.
- Baby Café

- RCHD is having a hard time getting this program going, will continue to work on under grant funding.
 - PFS
 - New grant approximately \$130k/yr for 4 yrs
 - We are working with the state through the planning stages of this grant and have not started the implementation stage yet.
 - Tobacco
 - We are orientating new staff to this grant.
 - CRC
 - Open enrollment – 415 visits, 432 clients
 - This year clients who visited the health department saved an average of \$700 per person
 - Home Health
 - 4 new admits this last quarter, 8 discharges
 - Audit from med sets has been complete
 - License was renewed, no deficiencies were found during survey
 - Staffing
 - We currently have 2 staff out on extended leave, we have shifted duties to cover, and we are stretched extremely thin right now.
 - RCHD was nominated for the Annual Business Award from Wahpeton/Breck Chamber.
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- Discussion on chain of command within the county. Richland County Health Department Administrator reports to the Board of Health and the Board of Health acts as the Administrator's direct supervisor.
 - Annual Year End Budget
 - Kayla reviewed budget
 - County dollars support approximately 16% of the RCHD budget.
 - Discussion on Richland County Health Department moving to a District. The Board of Health supported moving forward.
 - Growth and Development classes will be done this spring. This program is offered to all Richland County School Districts.
 - Major updates on the treatment room are on hold until a decision is made on the jail.

Other –

Adjournment/Next Meeting – April/May
 Laurie adjourned meeting at 2:00 p.m.