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The regular meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 4PM at the Hancock County Commission Office. Chair John Plesa proceeded with roll call. Anthony Pavalis and Nicole Glass were present. Sam DeCapio was absent due to family medical issues. Sandy Haspel was absent. Employees present were Dr Chris Rhody, the health officer and Jackie Huff, Administrator and Chelsea Everly, Sanitarian. Joe Barnabei, commissioner was present.

Board members reviewed the minutes from December 14, 2018 meeting. Anthony Pavalis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nicole Glass seconded the motion and motion carried. All in attendance voting in the affirmative.

Board members then reviewed the financials for December 2018 and January 2019. John Plesa moved to approve the financials. Nicole Glass seconded the motion and the motion carried. All members present voted in the affirmative. The financials will be filed for audit.

Old Business or Public Comment: There were none

New Business: Contract for Dr. Chris Rhody to be the permanent local health officer of the Hancock County Health Department. The approval by the Bureau of Public Health for Dr. Rhody to be permanent local health officer was received on Friday, February 1, 2019. The contract was reviewed and signed by Chair Plesa, Vice Chair Pavalis and now permanent Health Officer, Dr. Chris Rhody.

Staff Reports: Jackie Huff stated, the harm reduction grants were approved at the state level to start invoicing. The grant cycle started in July, so the invoices were sent from July through Dec 2018 for both grants. The carryover funds have also been made available for grant writings for Phase I group which includes Hancock County Health Department. So, with the Brooke County Health Department grants will be written, requesting more items for the van and for the Harm Reduction Program.

It was asked what is Harm reduction? It is the total process including needle exchange, testing, immunizations, referrals to rehabilitation, and education on stopping the spread of disease and infections.

Clinical and Environmental Reports were provided to the board for review.

Carolyn Baker, Registered Sanitarian, provided the press with a release on Norovirus. New 9 contacted her then to do a report on the virus. She was then interviewed on the news and broadcasted today. She will be presenting to a long-term care facility on Norovirus and hand washing.

The report for the Legionella outbreak is in the final phases of approval at the CDC. A soon to be published abstract written by CDC investigators which includes the health department staff involvement will be presented at the CDC's national convention.

Fuel Oil Spill on Locust Hill Road contaminated residence well water spilling 200 gallons into well. The spill then extended to the land and nearby creek. The DEP and the EPA as well as the OES were contacted. The EPA aided in having the well pumped out and booms placed in creeks to try and avoid further wells from being contaminated. All residents were notified through door to door or notice left to be cautious of their water source. They were asked to call health department with further questions. State lab can test the wells to see if contaminated the cost is \$100. The health department will gather the water to be tested.

Stop the Bleed presentation will be provided at the Hancock County Senior center in March 2019. Wayland Harris will provide that training.

Chelsea Everly and Michelle Berneburg provided some education on what the Health Department does and what services we provide to Oak Glen HS.

Nicole Glass inquired if we address the opioid crisis with the school presentation? Jackie stated that the presentations include all functions that the health department provide and that the Harm reduction is one of those targeted talking points.

Jackie Huff was to attend the Legislative day at the capitol tomorrow. Legislative updates will be provided as they become available. Some movement on restoring the 25% cut we took several years ago is moving. Not clear on specifics or actual numbers at this point.

John Plesa then asked if the Chester American Legion had submitted a waiver request for the bathroom within the gaming room. Jackie Huff stated that John Hissam had called and asked what needed to be done and she had instructed him to send a waiver letter or come and present to the Board. Nothing was present to date.

Vice Chair Pavalis asked about the visit to the Chester VFW. The Health Department had received complaints that they were smoking and were not compliant with the amendment. John Plesa, Chelsea Everly and Jackie Huff had visited the facility to see what might need done to be able to have smoking. To date no plans have been submitted and someone said the VFW will not be smoking.

Bus terminal submitted plans for their construction. Question arose as to the ventilation for the proposed room. They will have some sort of ventilation unsure presently what.

Hollywood Hollywood Café was approved for compliancy to the amendment by Chair Plesa

Gumby on Veterans Boulevard (Rt 30) submitted photo of door with a enclosure and cover for the gap. It appears to be compliant and will be inspected by Chelsea to confirm.

Café Primo has decided to remain smoke free.

The next meeting will be April 2, 2019 at 4:000pm at the Hancock County Commissioners office.

The motion to adjourn was made by Nicole Glass and seconded by Anthony Pavalis. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for Dr. Chris Rhody by Jackie Huff