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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 4:00 PM via conference call. Chair Plesa opened the meeting with roll call, Anthony Palavis Nicole Glass, Sam DeCapio and Sandy Haspel were in attendance. Staff on the call were Dr Chris Rhody , Jackie Huff and Carolyne Baker. Commissioner Cowey was on the call.

Chair then asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes and financial statements from the previous December 2021 meeting. All members acknowledged they had reviewed with no objections or discussion so the Chair accepted the minutes and financials.

No Public Comments

Chair moved to New Business and included the old business with the staff reports. Chair moved to approve the contract of Dr Christopher Rhody as the Health officer for another year. All Board of Health members voted in the affirmative to approve the contract for another year.

The Chair then moved to approve the increase in the doctors rate from \$900 to \$925 monthly. All Board of Health members voted in the affirmative to approve the rate to \$925 monthly.

Jackie Huff then gave updates on Covid and staff reports. The guidance for case investigations and isolation and quarantine were recently updated and can be found on the state web page. The move for COVID is shifting to an endemic process from a pandemic. The timelines for isolation is 5 days and until symptoms have improved. Quarantine is 5 days from exposure then where mask for additional 5 days monitor symptoms. If symptoms develop then test . High risk positives are prioritized by certain groups and those will be followed by epi links.

Testing is still offered at the Health Department. Days remain the same. Monday and Thursday 1:30-3:30 PM and Tuesday and Friday 10-12 AM. Testing has decreased recently probably due to home tests being more readily available.

All clinical services remain at the Health Department by appointment. The clinical reports were provided for review.

Narcan will be provided shortly. The department completed training for the distribution of Narcan kits to the public for free.

Environmental reports were provided to the board for review. A per diem sanitarian will be completing inspections upon refresher training.

Grants update on the Workforce grant invoice submitted to the state for payment. Staff received in December 2021. Phase 2 of Covid Immunization grant invoices submitted and two have been paid to date. Testing invoices have been submitted and awaiting payment for services. (Oct is only one paid to date)

ELC-2 grant approved and awaiting bids to come back on cost analysis of the building structure. Commissioner Cowey asked for the amount of the grant award. Jackie Huff stated, \$370,000 for that grant.

Anthony Palavis announced to the Board and Commissioner Cowey that he would not be seeking re appointment to the Board. His term ends on June 30, 2022. Commissioner Cowey asked that he submit a letter to the Commission stating that information. Everyone thanked Anthony for his service.

With no other business to discuss the Chair moved to adjourn the meeting. Sam DeCapio seconded the motion meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on April 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted for Dr Christopher Rhody