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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on June 7, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Hancock County Commission Office.

Chair Plesa opened the meeting with roll call. Anthony Palavis, Sam DeCapio, Nicole Glass, Sandy Haspel and John Plesa were all present. Staff present were Health Officer, Dr Chris Rhody and Administrator, Jackie Huff. Commissioner Paul Cowey attended on behalf of the Commissioners.

The minutes and financial statements were presented to the Board. Chair Plesa asked if all had a chance to review and if there was any discussion/objections on the minutes? Hearing no objections, the Chair moved to approve the minutes. Minutes approved. The Chair hearing no objections on the financials then moved to approve. The financial were approved and filed for audit.

No Public Comments

No Old Business: Other then updates given in staff reports

New Business: Fees for Permits and services were discussed. The permit fees were increased by the state and approved by the board for notification to the public of the upcoming increases. The fees will be effective on any permits due in January 2023 and ongoing.

A bid for a sign at the new building site came in and reviewed and more bids will be pursued.

IT bids are being collected for the connection of the IT services in the new health department.

Plat map and building permits have been received.

No communications from the public.

Program Reports:

Clinical reports of number of patients seen were provided to the board.

The clinical services are increasing to where they were pre COVID. The booster shots are ongoing and available by appointment at the Health Department.

Testing for COVID is no longer available from the state. We are working with the labs to get an affordable alternative for the public. Home testing is another alternative.

Environmental reports were provided to the board. Inspections are ongoing and are caught up per the requirements of the state. Animal bites are increasing as they do this time of year and public is reminded to get their animals vaccinated against rabies.

Outreach was done at the Oak Glen High School facility are numerous functions of the health department. Clinically importance was placed on how the students can protect themselves from diseases and to remain safe.

Educational outreach is ongoing with information on all aspects of the department.

Threat Preparedness the current year PHEP grant funds are to date payment was received in May. The grant runs from July-June. No current information was available from the state on the upcoming years grant.

Chair Plesa then thanked Anthony Palavis for his service to the Board. This was Anthony last meeting as the Board member, his term ends June 30, 2022, and he did not seek re appointment. The Hancock County Commission is to fill the vacant position. John, and the entire board expressed great gratitude for his dedication and service.

Anthony spoke of his time spent on the board and how appreciative of the time spent with the other members, commissioner past and present, staff of the department. He emphasized what great work the Health Department does for the community and as the Board member learned a lot about what the department does. John then presented Anthony with a token gift of appreciation.

Next meeting date is August 9, 2022.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for Dr Rhody