**Dearborn County Board of Health Minutes**

**January 18, 2024 Regular Meeting**

**Henry Dearborn Room**

At 7:30 p.m., Dr. Steve Hubbard, called to order the public hearing for the Board of Health, Dearborn County, followed by reading of the Voluntary Title VI Public Involvement announcement.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Steven Hubbard DMV

Mr. Gerald Miller

Dr. Harbans S. Gill, M.D.

Dr. Jill Tibbe, M.D.

**Absent:**

Chairman Michael K. Hankins, BSN, CRNA

Mr. Don Rechtin

Dr. Michael Shugar, M.D.

**Minutes from the August 3, 2023 meeting were tabled because we did not have four members present to approve the minutes.**

**No Old Business**

**Dr. Steve Hubbard:** For the first meeting of the new year, we need to conduct elections of positions.

**Mr. Gerald Miller:** I motion that we keep the same people in the same positions.

**Dr. Tibbe:** I second that motion.

**Dr. Steve Hubbard:** All in favor say “aye”

**All BOH members:** Aye

**Dr. Steve Hubbard:** Anyone opposed? (silence) Then the motion is carried.

**Dr. Hubbard:** Does anyone motion to accept the minutes from the October 2023 meeting?

**Dr. Tibbe:** I motion

**Dr. Gill:** I second

**Dr. Hubbard:** Motion carries

**Dr. Eliason:** Update on the Environmental Health Specialist position, John Grace is no longer with our department and we will look for someone to fill that position in the new year. We are also actively looking for a second location for our preventative services since it can be difficult for people to get into our office for those services. We have looked at Dr. Kohlhouse’s old building, the M&M tanning building, and the bank next to the high school. We also looked at Dr. Oyler’s old office. There are drawbacks and advantages to each one but we are looking into them further. The funds for this would come from the new Health First funds. We will be getting around $500,000 this year and we can only use 10% towards the rental.

Dr. Hubbard: Any new information on the bus?

**Dr. Eliason:** We should have it sometime between August and October this year.

**Amy Rose:** We are asking you to be on board to ask Commissioners to strengthen the current smoke free air law and update the language to move the distance from no smoking 8 feet from the building to 25 feet back.

**Dr. Jill Tibbe:** I motion to accept.

**Dr. Gill:** I second.

**Dr. Steve Hubbard:** Motion has been made and seconded to move forward with asking Commissioners to update.

**Doug Baer:** Dr. Eliason has already told you about the Health First funds that has started. We still have funds in the Local Health Maintenance and Local Health Trust Funds. The state has asked us to finish using the funds for those accounts. I am asking you to approve with moving forward with the purchase of 2 new trucks in the budget carryover and otheritems that did not get included in the Health First budget. The Escape is no longer usable so we will need to get rid of that which means that we are down to 1 vehicle. I am looking for approval for the carryover and the trucks.

**Dr. Tibbe:** I motion for approval.

**Gerald Miller:** I second

**Dr. Hubbard:** All those in favor say “aye”

**All Board members:** Aye

**Dr. Hubbard:** Anyone opposed? (silence)

**Doug Baer:** I have presented you with an ordinance before. Because of the changes that were approved July 1, 2023 and now we have to redo the whole County Ordinance that the County Attorney needs to approve, then the state technical review committee would have to review it then when they approve then it needs to be approved by the County Commissioners. I am asking for your continued support with moving forward to get a new County Ordinance approved. Right now, no county has gotten an ordinance approved through the state.

**All Board Members:** I approve.

**Dr. Hubbard:** Is there anything else? No? Does anyone make a motion to adjourn?

**Dr. Gill:** I make a motion to adjourn.

**Mr. Miller:** I second that motion.

**Dr. Hubbard:** Motion to adjourn by Dr. Gill with a second by Mr. Miller. That concludes the items on the agenda and with no further discussions, this meeting is now at adjournment and we will see everyone again on April 18, 2024.