



## **Independence Advisory Board of Health Minutes**

**August 1, 2024 6:00 PM**

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### **WELCOME**

1. Approval of minutes from 06/06/2024 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by Dr. Ruddy.

Members present: Dr. John Ruddy, Jason White, Dr. David Suchman, Dr. Peter Muelleman, Dr. Larry Legler

Members absent: Lori Halsey, Dr. Darryl Nelson, Dr. Terry Morris

Stoff present: Christina Heinen, Councilmember Dr. McCandless

Dr. Ruddy asked for an amendment to the agenda to discuss the tragedy at Independence Towers and the role of Health. Amendment approved by all present at 6:10 pm.

Motion made by Jason White to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Dr.

Muelleman. Motion approved by all present at 6:10 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board vacancies and applications

Christina shared that there is still a vacancy for a mental health practitioner and, with Dr. Wingert choosing not to be reappointed, a vacancy for a veterinarian. The group discussed the criteria for board members, and Christina agreed to email the application and criteria to the Board.

2. Community health assessment

Christina shared some of the preliminary data for the community health assessment, including data of the top five perceived health issues and mental health statistics. The report is scheduled to be shared with the City Council in September and then a community health improvement plan will be started.

#### INDEPENDENCE TOWERS DISCUSSION:

Christina explained that the issues at Independence Towers, including the lack of air conditioning, is being addressed by the Community Development Department as part of their landlord/tenant complaint process. Christina shared that multiple departments are involved; however, Health is not because the building is not a permitted establishment nor are the current issues regarding communicable disease.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Ruddy made a motion to adjourn, which was approved by all present at 6:23 pm.

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