



INDEPENDENCE ★ MISSOURI ★

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Board of Health Minutes

December 5, 2024 6:00 PM

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WELCOME

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Dr. Terry Morris.

Members present: Dr. Terry Morris, Dr. Larry Legler, Dr. David Suchman, Jason White, and Lori Halsey

Staff present: Christina Heinen, Lauren Campbell, CM Dr. Bridget McCandless

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on October 3, 2024

Dr. Legler made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Dr. Suchman seconded; approved by all present at 6:04 p.m.

BOARD VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS

Christina shared that the board had two applications to consider: Lori Halsey for reappointment and Genesis Rivera for the vacant mental health practitioner spot. Jason made a motion to accept both and recommend the appointments; this was seconded by Dr. Suchman and approved by all present at 6:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND VACCINATIONS

Lauren shared that the common cold is mostly prevalent and that flu season is seeing a slow

increase. COVID is remaining relatively low; however, "walking" pneumonia is 10x higher than last year at the same time. Board members discussed the use of wastewater testing to track these diseases and that possibility that funding may be allocated at a state or federal level that would expand testing.

Members discussed pertussis cases in our area and vaccination rates.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Legler made a motion to adjourn; approved by all at 6:15 p.m.