



Minutes

February 6, 2025 6:00 PM

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WELCOME

Dr. Ruddy called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Members present were Dr. John Ruddy, Dr. Larry Legler, Dr. David Suchman, Lori Halsey, and Jason White. Staff present were Lauren Campbell, Christina Heinen, and Councilmember Dr. Bridget McCandless.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting on 12/05/2024

Motion was made by Jason and seconded by Lori to approve the minutes as written. Approved by all present at 6:06 pm.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Lauren shared that the department is mostly seeing influenza A, and we have lower cases for COVID than were seen at this time last year. Our TB case numbers are suppressed due to low numbers but that none of the cases are linked to the Kansas outbreak. Avian flu has not yet been detected in Independence. The board then discussed chicken coop regulations and the hospital again having patients in the hallway.

DISCUSSION ON GRANTS

Lauren shared that the department has been awarded three NACCHO grants: one for a strategic plan on addressing suicide that is bringing together the mental health coalition and ARCH, one

for infectious disease prevention in long term care facilities, and one to be an infectious disease mentee site for developing training plans for healthcare facilities. Jason shared what that grant funding is a critical need for our community, and the group discussed grant billings.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Legler made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Lori. Approved by all present at 6:19 pm.