



## **Independence Advisory Board of Health**

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

**Join Meeting here: <https://bit.ly/3Yk9mLR>**

### **WELCOME**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board vacancies and applications
2. Community health assessment

### **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Members of the public can join at <https://bit.ly/3Yk9mLR> or by calling 660-631-8082, ID 969462113.



# INDEPENDENCE

## Advisory Board of Health

June 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/455cFle>

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Members present: Dr. John Ruddy, Dr. Terry Morris, Jason White, Dr. David Suchman, Dr. Larry Legler

Members absent: Dr. Peter Muelleman, Lori Halsey, Dr. Matthew Wingert, Dr. Darryl Nelson

Staff present: Christina Heinen, Lauren Campbell

- I. Welcome  
Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Dr. Morris.
- II. Approval of Advisory Board of Health minutes from February 1, 2024  
Motion made by Dr. Ruddy and seconded by Dr. Legler, approved at 6:02 pm.
- III. Board vacancies and applications  
Christina shared that there is still a vacancy for a mental health practitioner.
- IV. Discussion on STIs  
Dr. Morris shared that there has been a sharp rise across the nation and that testing has been decreasing due to over-the-counter birth control and less frequent pap smears. Lauren shared that we have seen a rise in syphilis, and chlamydia has the highest numbers for STIs in our area. The group discussed that testing used to be needed for a marriage license or food permit.
- V. Discussion on department staffing  
Christina shared that staffing will remain the same for the coming year and that ARCH has been funded using opioid settlement funds as the Board had recommended.

Unsheltered work group: Dr. Morris shared that he had been working on the City's Unsheltered work group as a representative of the board; 130 individuals were identified as unhoused in Independence, and the group is looking at rental assistance programs.

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VI. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn by Legler, seconded by Suchman; approved by all present at 6:19 pm.