

**CLAYTON CO. BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 12, 2021**

Members present: Dr. Michele Dikkers, Vicki Carolan, Dr. Forrest Whitford, Tina Nieland

Others present: Denise Lippens: VNA Ryan White Coordinator, Brittany Hubanks: VNA Manager; Patti Ruff: County Sanitarian

Dr. Dikkers called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Minutes from May 20, 2021 reviewed. One change needing to be made was to attendance as Dr. Bowden was not present as marked. Change made. Motion made by Ms. Carolan to approve the minutes; second made by Dr. Whitford. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ryan White—Denise Lippens**

- Ms. Lippens reported on current Ryan White Part B services and shared stats from past year.
- Ms. Lippens shared upcoming Ryan White grant activities and plan for the extended service area.
- Ms. Lippens also shared general information on the Ryan White Part B program and services they could offer individuals affected with HIV/AIDS.

**Sanitarian Agend a—Patti Ruff**

- Grant -To- Counties: Finished up FY21 grant year; used all grant dollars except \$29.60. For FY22 there is \$42,020 for funding which is \$10,000 more than last year. Goal is to use 75% by December to get next round of extra allocations.
- Water test promotions: Newspaper article generated more response than sending out postcards. Only 5 people called based off of postcards alone.
- Well/earthen lagoon variance: Individual with address in Colesburg but property sits just north of Edgewood in Clayton County has a lagoon that was built in the late 1960s. Current codes require that wells are drilled at 1000 feet away from the lagoon. Property owner is building a new home and needed to drill a well within the 1000 feet distance. Variance was granted by DNR with stipulation that they had to drill a deep well between 700-800 feet deep.
- Documentary short video for Esmann Island Association: A filmmaker is producing a documentary on the island to discuss how the island is built on sand and the importance of well testing with wells and septic being drilled into sand-based soil. Patti participated in the filming of the documentary and will share with all once complete.

**Public Health A genda—Brittany Hubanks**

- **Manager's Report**
  - Provided COVID update to the board including current county positivity rates and vaccination numbers. Discussed with the board IDPH's decision to discontinue contact tracing for positive COVID-19 cases. The state will only investigate positive COVID-19 cases if they are associated with an outbreak. Any decision to perform contact tracing would be at the discretion of local entities. Currently, there is no funding for contact tracing activities and agency would need to use current PHS grant, which would not sustain and affect other programing. Motion made by Ms. Carolan to resume contact tracing as

she feels this is an important activity. No second on the motion was made by other board members. VNA Manager will continue to monitor daily case counts and communicate with the board of health on positivity rates and other COVID related activities.

- Board reviewed budget and agency stats provided in report.

Next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:30 PM with virtual and connect-by-phone options being made available.

Submitted by:

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