

**Jasper County Board of Health
January 25, 2016**

The Jasper County Board of Health held their meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at the health department. Members present were Clara Short, Jeanine Fell DDS, Mary Finley RN BSN MBA, Marcia Street RN BSN, Everett Miller, and Bob Schafer DVM. Dale Haskett joined the meeting at 5:55 pm. Staff members present were Debbie Rubsam, BS, Administrator, and Marla Reynolds.

President Jeanine Fell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Bob Schafer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting and Clara Short seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Bob Schafer made a motion to approve the bills for the months of November and December, 2015 and Everett Miller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Under old business, Debbie updated the board on the health department budget and finances, and distributed three graphs. In the fiscal year ending November 30, 2015, expenses were \$73,000 more than revenue. From December 31, 2014 through December 31, 2015 there is a difference of \$239,814. In the month of December, 2015 we used \$11,807 from reserves, but we had received revenues of \$178,183 in December 2014 and didn't require reserves that month. In November, 2015 we used \$15,000 out of reserves. In the years from 2010 to 2011 we were adjusting to fee for service. Personnel has gone down since 2007, with a 17% drop. Retiring employees are not being replaced so staff are doing more to make up for this.

State grants that we have not received any money for are Crisis, Family Case Management, Local Health Protection, Lead, Vision & Hearing, Tobacco, and Genetics. During this 6 month period, we should have received approximately \$93,000 for these grants. The State also owes us \$9,500 for Healthy Kids billing, \$14,000 for flu shot billing and an estimate of \$45,000 for Behavioral Health Medicaid billing.

Debbie anticipates the state money for contracts we do have will get several months behind. The health department has three payrolls going out in January, instead of two and not much revenue is coming in because of quarterly billing, so will be using more reserves in January.

Agencies are now hearing that if there is not a budget soon, it may be November after election before one gets passed.

In new business, Debbie reported that we have received a letter from CARF concerning our survey in November. We have received the highest level of accreditation with a renewal time of 3 years. This is the 4th survey in a row that we have been awarded the highest level.

The Collaborative was here in January for a review. The last time this organization was here, October, 2014, they gave us a poor review of 56% and we contested it. We still have not heard from the judge to see what our payback will be. This year, with no changes, behavioral health received 100% rating with no paybacks. The same auditors conducted both reviews.

There will be a WIC program review on February 24th and 25th and a Family Case Management review is scheduled for March 8th.

Ticket for a Cure – When Senate Bill 2039 was passed and Governor Rauner approved it, JCHD was awarded the Ticket for a Cure grant. It started January 1st and is funded by lottery tickets. As part of this grant, monthly cancer support meetings are held at the health department addressing a variety of topics.

It is that time of year that Sam's membership renewals are due. They are \$45 each and we have 27 staff members who would be eligible. In the past, if staff did not want a membership they received a Casey's gift card. Bob Schafer made a motion to approve offering staff members the option of either a Sam's membership or a Casey's gift card at the cost of \$45 for each employee. Clara Short seconded the motion. Motion carried with Everett Miller opposing.

Closed Minutes – Everett Miller made a motion for the closed minutes to remain closed. Bob Schafer seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Personnel – Jolyn Bigard, staff nurse, has volunteered to work 30 hours per week instead of 35 to help ease the budget. She will begin that schedule February 1st. Jolyn is still eligible for prorated benefits and health insurance.

Other – The Jasper County Cancer Support Group has decided to increase the gift cards to those Jasper County residents who are actively battling cancer to \$125, four times per year. Jeanine Fell, who is a board member for the group, advised the board that anyone actively battling cancer can request assistance from the group by completing an application, which can be picked up at JCHD or from one of the board members. Money is raised through donations and various fundraisers throughout the year, such as a pork burger day that will be held at the Eagles on Saturday, May 14th, and the annual Basket Bingo sponsored by JCHD. The money stays in Jasper County, benefits Jasper County residents, and the gift cards are purchased at Casey's, Circle K and Marathon for gas and at Newton IGA for food.

Dates to Remember – JCHD will be holding our annual PSA and Cholesterol Clinic on Wednesday, February 10th from 7 am to 1 pm. PSA screenings will be free of charge to men 50 years of age and older, and for those under the age of 50, there will be a \$20 charge. Cholesterol screenings are free of charge to anyone but it is recommended to fast prior to the test. No appointment is needed on this day. Our lab offers special pricing to us on that day and the funds to support this clinic are courtesy of the Health Foundation funds we received several years ago.

A Blood Drive sponsored by JCHD will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall on Thursday, February 11th from 1 to 6 pm. Female donors will be receiving a carnation donated by Buds & Blossoms, male donors will receive a small tool donated by NAPA, and each donor will receive a certificate for a free Blizzard donated by Newton Dairy Queen.

The Shriners will be holding a clinic for children on Saturday, April 9th from 8 to 11:00 am at the health department. JCHD will be providing a clerk and a nurse during that time. This clinic is held one time each year and is a referral source for Shriners Hospital.

Next Board of Health meeting will be held Monday, March 28th at 5:30.

Bob Schafer made a motion to dismiss the meeting at 6:00 pm and Clara Short seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Clara Short, Secretary