

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 17th day of October 2019 the Amarillo Area Public Health Board met for a quarterly board meeting in the City of Amarillo, Department of Public Health conference room located at 1000 Martin Rd., Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Kenneth Crossland, DDS Chair, City of Canyon	Y	216	192
Kevin Hawkins, Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Y	65	61
Delores Thompson Potter County	N	40	27
Judi Smith Randall County	Y	88	71
Brenda Adams Randall County	Y	8	8
Belinda Taylor City of Amarillo	Y	53	39
Rebecca Scott, MD Potter County	N	8	6
Mike Campbell Timbercreek	N	2	1

Administrative Officers Present:

Casie Stoughton Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Carol Hill Assistant Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Dr. Milton Health Authority, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Douglas Patrick Deputy Director, Environmental Health, City of Amarillo
Anthony Spanel Director, Environmental Health, City of Amarillo
Shantel Elser Assistant Director, WIC, City of Amarillo
Christina Fischer Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo
Joe Mike Briseno Recording Secretary, Public Health, City of Amarillo

Guests Present:

None

Item 1: Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Dr. Crossland opened the meeting at 7:03pm, established a quorum, and conducted the consideration of the following items in the order presented.

Item 2: Minutes

Dr. Crossland and members of the board reviewed minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as presented.

Item 3: Introduction of Guests/New Members

Douglas Patrick Deputy Director, Environmental Health, City Amarillo

Item 4: Consider: Confirmation of Reappointment of Health Authority

Dr. Milton does not need to be reappointed until 2020.

Item 5: Discussion: Updated Cooperative Agreement

Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health, discussed the updated Cooperative Agreement. (Attached)

- All eight jurisdictions have signed off on the Cooperative Agreement
 - City of Amarillo
 - City of Canyon
 - Potter County
 - Randall County
 - Timbercreek Canyon
 - Lake Tanglewood
 - Palisades
 - Bishop Hills
- Name change: Bi-City-County Public Health District to Amarillo Area Public Health District

Item 6: Consideration: Public Health Ordinance

Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health, presented the Public Health Ordinance (Attached)

Ordinance 7825 Section 8-5

The City Council now desires to ratify and affirm the legacy of service provided by the Public Health Department and, to more formally state the duties and scope of responsibility of that Department in a new Article VI to be enacted by this ordinance.

Article VI. Public Health Department

- Sec. 8-5-300. General
- Sec. 8-5-301 Definitions.
- Sec. 8-5-302 Duties and Responsibilities
- Sec. 8-5-303. Fees

Belinda Taylor made a motion to approve the Public Health Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Kevin Hawkins. All in favor.

Item 7: Consideration: Environmental Health Ordinance

Anthony Spanel, Director of Environmental Health, presented the Environmental Health Ordinance. (Attached)

Ordinance No. 7809

- Adjustment to how we reference State law for enforcement.
 - Previously called out each law and which limited us when new enforcement scenarios arose. Correct to a blanket “all applicable health, sanitation, environmental laws”.
- Inconsistent language cleanup
- Passing of SB 476 made City Ordinance in conflict with State Law. (Dogs on Patios)
 - New law makes any Food Establishment (with a patio) eligible for dog friendly
 - Removes provisions for sanitation
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Proper waste cleanup
 - Timely waste cleanup
 - Doesn’t specially address feeding of dogs
- Creation of a Water/Ice Vending program
 - Rules previously existed in State Statute but were written for DSHS – Primarily cleanup
- Additional requirement for MFU’s (2017-27 MFU’s – 2019-128 MFU’s)
 - Annual gas pressure tests
 - Minimal generator sizing
- Re-inspection fees increased (Support from PRA)
 - \$100
 - \$150
 - \$250
 - \$350
- Correction of our citation authority

- Better defining the process of Temporary suspension, Revocation and Appeals.

Judi Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 7809 as presented. Seconded by Brenda Adams. All in favor.

Item 8: Discussion: Topical Update from Health Authority

Dr. Milton, Health Authority of Public Health presented a topical update to the board.

- Shigellosis
 - Bacterial infections
 - About 100 cases in Amarillo
 - Daycare Centers
 - Ask individuals to stay home if they become sick
 - Requiring lab documentations show the individual is clear before returning to daycare
 - Symptoms last about 5 to 7 days
 - Diarrhea
 - Fever
 - Stomach cramps
 - Most individuals recover from it
 - Can treat with antibiotics and it may speed up the recovery process
 - Shigella health alerts are sent out facilities

Item 9: Administrative Reports given by Departments

WIC

Shantel Elser Assistant Director, WIC, City of Amarillo, presented the department's report. (Attached)

- WIC Participation Report October 17, 2019
 - July 2019 – 6,111
 - August 2019 – 6,072
 - September 2019 – 6,057
 - Monthly Average – 6,080
- Summer Feeding: June 5, 2019 to August 3, 2019
 - Lunches - 603
 - Snack – 1,456

Public Health

Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health, presented the Public Health report.

- Loss Training – Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors
 - Loss Teams
 - Prevention through prevention
 - Decrease the numbers in our community

- Numbers are going up
- About 50 participants
- Working to start HIV PREP Clinic
 - Pre-exposure prophylaxis can be given to negative HIV patients that have positive partners or high-risk lifestyles.

Environmental Health

Anthony Spanel, Director of Environmental Health presented the Environmental Health report. (Attached)

- Late 2018-2019 implementing online record keeping (DHD, Ebridge)
 - Inspection reports push to website immediately (Food, Pools)
 - Working towards customer portal – favorites, push notifications
 - Online payments
 - Converting 50K paper records to electronic. Citizens can search on their own.
- Growing at a high rate
 - Food Hygiene permits - 1758
 - Bringing on all camps within the counties
 - Rec. Water permits – 225
 - Bringing on all pools within canyon and the counties
 - OSSF - 471

Animal Management and Welfare

Christina Fischer presented the Animal Management & Welfare report.

- Housing 250 animals
- Started small scale rescue – Flying dogs out to other communities
- Positive rabies cases have decreased
 - A few positive bats and skunks
- Staffing shortage for field officers
 - High priority calls only
 - 5 officers
 - 2 in training
- Increase in hoarding cases
 - Primarily Cats
 - Mental illness related in some cases
 - Takes a lot of resources to work hoarding cases
 - Wants to work on a Hoarding Task Force for the community
- New HIPAA system requirement
 - Bite cases
 - Implemented two weeks ago

Statement of Direction

- Finished the Cooperative Agreement
- 5 Year Plan
 - Hoarding Task Force
- 1 Year Plan
 - Environmental Health will be working on rewriting county orders for Potter and Randall County

Item 10: Public Forum

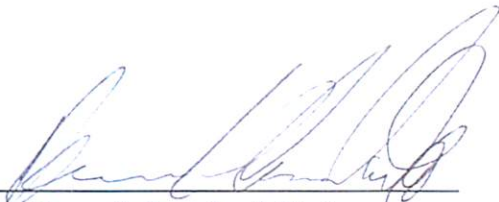
There were no comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or services of the Amarillo Area Public Health Board.

Item 11: Discuss Items for Future Agendas

Members requested reports and new updates from all departments. Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 09, 2020 at 7:00PM Public Health conference room, 1000 Martin Rd.

Item 12: Adjournment

Dr. Crossland set the next meeting for January 09, 2020 at 7:00PM. The location will be at the Public Health Department, located at 1000 Martin Road. With there being no further business to come before the board, Dr. Crossland adjourned the meeting at 8:37PM.



Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair



Joe Mike Briseno, Recording Secretary