

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 4th day of February 2021, the Amarillo Area Public Health Board met for a quarterly board meeting via Zoom with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Kenneth Crossland, DDS Chair, City of Canyon	Y	220	196
Kevin Hawkins, Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Y	69	65
Delores Thompson Potter County	Y	44	31
Judi Smith Randall County	Y	92	74
Brenda Adams Randall County	Y	12	12
Belinda Taylor City of Amarillo	Y	57	43
Rebecca Scott, MD Potter County	Y	12	10
Mike Campbell Timbercreek	N	6	2

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
Anthony Spanel Director, Environmental Health, City of Amarillo
Margaret Payton Director, WIC, 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 7:00pm, 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

None

Item 4: Discussion: Topical Update from Health Authority

Dr. Milton, Health Authority of Public Health and Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health, discussed the COVID – 19 Pandemic in the community.

- COVID – 19
 - Community doing a good job wearing masks.
 - Number of citizens infected.
 - Community needs to keep their guard up and stay vigilante.
 - Hospitalization rate
 - Level Red
 - Deaths in the community
 - COVID – 19 Vaccines and eligibility
 - Vaccine shipments
 - Nursing homes

- The board would like to plan and make a public statement to acknowledge the City of Amarillo staff for their dedication and hard work during the COVID – 19 pandemic. They would also like to remind the community to stay vigilant even though there is a decrease with COVID – 19 cases in the community.

Item 5: Report given by Departments.

Environmental Health

Anthony Spanel, Director of Environmental Health presented the Environmental Health report.

- COVID Operations
 - COVID – 19 prevention
 - 3,000 complaints and investigations for masking and social distancing
- Strong Programmatic Growth
 - 1,800 food establishments

- Recreational water program: 244 active permits
 - Sewage Facility Program: Record 638 installed
- Additional Inspection Staff
 - 2 inspection staff added.
- 2021 Initiatives
 - Inspection Portal
 - Online billing
 - 10-year growth by program chart

Public Health

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

- COVID – 19
 - 32,460 total cases
 - 632 deaths
 - 2,109 active cases
 - Hospital rate: 11.43%
 - 46,950 doses of COVID – 19 vaccine
 - 42,050 doses given.
 - 31,020 first doses given.
 - 11,030 second doses given.
 - Contact Tracing
 - Operations for COVID – 19 Mass Vaccination Clinics
 - Staff

- New building for Public Health

WIC

Margaret Payton Director, WIC, City of Amarillo, presented the department's report.

- WIC Participation
 - 5,218 Participates per month this quarter.
 - Curb side assistance
 - New Grant Awarded: Come Cook-off with WIC
 - Virtual cooking classes via Zoom
 - 100 participants

Item 6: 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 7: Discuss Items for Future Agendas

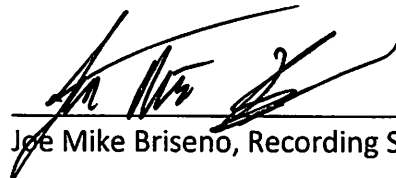
Members requested reports and new updates from all departments. Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 08, 2021 at 7:00PM Public Health conference room, 1000 Martin Rd.

Item 8: Adjournment

Dr. Crossland set the next meeting for April 08, 2021 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 8:03PM.



Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair



Joe Mike Briseno, Recording Secretary