

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 8th day of October 2020, the Amarillo Area Public Health Board met for a quarterly board meeting at the Amarillo Civic Center's Regency Room located at 401 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Kenneth Crossland, DDS Chair, City of Canyon	Y	219	195
Kevin Hawkins, Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Y	68	64
Delores Thompson Potter County	Y	43	30
Judi Smith Randall County	Y	91	73
Brenda Adams Randall County	Y	11	11
Belinda Taylor City of Amarillo	Y	56	42
Rebecca Scott, MD Potter County	Y	11	9
Mike Campbell Timbercreek	Y	5	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

Guests Present:

None

Item 1: Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Dr. Crossland opened the meeting at 7:15pm, 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: Consider: Reappointment of Health Authority: Dr. Scott Milton

Kevin Hawkins made a motion to appoint Dr. Scott Milton to the Health Authority. Seconded by Judi Smith. All in favor.

Item 5: 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 Pandemic

- Initial surge
- Hospitals
- 125 deaths
- Treatments
- Community Spread
- Challenges with social distancing and getting community to wear masks.
- Schools
 - Sporting activities
 - Locker rooms
- Risk of Indoor Activities
- Different strains of COVID – 19
- Contact Tracing
- Proper mask wearing
 - Difficulties that businesses are having.
- Quarantines

Item 6: Report given by Departments.

Environmental Health

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

- Food and Hygiene program: 1776 active permits in the district
 - Increase of 3.75%
 - Adding staff
 - New programs
 - Revamp programs when necessary
 - Enforcement Cases
 - 11 active cases

Public Health

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

- COVID – 19 Pandemic
 - 6,800 Contact Investigations
 - Drive Thru Testing Clinic: Tested 8,600 patients
 - Call Center: Over 14,000 phone calls.
 - Patient Monitoring: 26,000 phone calls
 - Front Desk: 78,000 phone calls since March 1st
 - Public Health: Total of 153,000 phone calls/272,000 phone calls since March 1st
 - 90 total staff members with Public Health and temporary staffing
 - 1,971 average of call per day
 - Working with other City departments during COVID – 19 Pandemic.

WIC

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

- WIC Participation
 - 5,359 Participates
 - Down from last year: 600 participates – COVID – 19.
 - Curb side assistance
 - Computer program changes
 - August – Unemployment rates dropped.
 - Seen an increase in participants.
 - Lost 45% of staff due to COVID – 19.
- WIC Staff

Item 7: 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 8: Discuss Items for Future Agendas

Members requested reports and new updates from all departments. Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7:00PM Public Health conference room, 1000 Martin Rd.

Item 9: Adjournment

Dr. Crossland set the next meeting for January 14, 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 8:16PM.

Zoom meeting

Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair



Joe Mike Briseno, Recording Secretary