

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 8th day of April 2021, the Amarillo Area Public Health Board met for a quarterly board meeting at the City of Amarillo, Civic Center's Hospitality Room, 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	221	197
Kevin Hawkins, Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Y	70	66
Delores Thompson Potter County	N	45	31
Judi Smith Randall County	Y	93	75
Brenda Adams Randall County	Y	13	13
Belinda Taylor City of Amarillo	N	58	43
Rebecca Scott, MD Potter County	Y	13	11
Mike Campbell Timbercreek	N	7	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
Douglas Patrick Deputy Director, Environmental Health, City of Amarillo
Margaret Payton Director, WIC, City of Amarillo
Victoria Medley Director, Animal Management and 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 7:04pm, 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

Victoria Medley: Director, Animal Management and Welfare, City of Amarillo

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
 - 3 most common variants
 - B 1.1.7
 - B 1.351
 - B 1.1.28
 - Capability for testing for different variants in the community.

Item 5: Consider: Proposed Breeder's Ordinance No. 7914

Victoria Medley, Director of Animal Management and Welfare, presented the Breeder's Ordinance No. 7914.

An ordinance amending Chapter 8-2 to include requiring a permit for the breeding of an adult dog or cat; to add definitions for "adult dog or cat" and "breeder and to provide for: severability, repealer, and continuation of prior law and penalty.

- Breeder's Ordinance No. 7914 Highlights
 - Address backyard breeding.
 - \$100.00 fee every year.
 - No animal violations in the past 2yrs.
 - Vaccination Records

Rebecca Scott made a motion to adopt the Breeder's Ordinance No. 7914. Seconded by Judi Smith. All in favor.

Item 6: Reports given by Departments.

Animal Management and Welfare

Victoria Medley, Director of Animal Management and Welfare, presented the AM&W report.

- **New building**
 - Open house for the public in the next two weeks
 - Training rooms
 - Vet clinic
 - Service building only.
- **Partnering with TxTech Vet School**
- **Field Operations**
- **16 new kennels**
- **Assistant Director for Animal Management and Welfare**
- **6 Officers are going through academy.**

Environmental Health

Douglas Patrick, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, presented the Environmental Health report.

- **COVID Operations**
 - Slowing down
 - Most businesses are back to 100% occupancy.
- **Programmatic Growth**
 - Increase in manpower for inspections.
 - 1,777 program permits
 - Growth in new developments
 - Recreation Water: 247 permits
 - 181 septic permits
- **Staffing Model**
 - 2 new inspectors. 20 total.
- **New office features**
 - Online features
 - Inspection Portal App.
- **Waterborne Illnesses**
 - Cryptosporidium at two different hotel pools
- **Vector Control**
 - Two staff for vector control
 - 5,400 acres will be treated this year.

Public Health

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

- COVID – 19
 - 33,819 total cases
 - Potter – 17,225
 - Randall - 16,564
 - 32,884 Recoveries
 - 728 deaths
 - 207 active cases
 - Hospital rate: 6%
 - Public Health COVID – 19 Drive Thru Testing
 - Operational at the Public Health building, 1000 Martin Road.
 - Tested over 13,000 patients since testing began.
 - 70,490 First doses of
 - 46,536 Second doses given.
 - Operations for COVID – 19 Mass Vaccination Clinics
 - 70,490 First doses given.
 - 46,536 Second doses given.
 - Transit is offering free rides to vaccination clinics and testing sites.
 - Testing Site: 278 rides
 - Vaccination Clinics: 56 rides
 - Bamlanivimab Infusion Center
 - Treated 150 patients.
 - COVID – 19 Phones Calls
 - Over 150,000 phone calls
 - Staff

WIC

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

- WIC Participation
 - 4,889 Average Participates for this quarter (Jan. 2021 – Mar. 2021).
 - Numbers ticking down because of increase in tax credit and stimulus benefits.
- Cooking Matters – Virtual Cooking Classes
 - Virtual cooking classes via Zoom
 - 500 participants for this quarter (Jan. 2021 – Mar. 2021).

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 District.

Item 8: Discuss Items for Future Agendas

Members requested reports and new updates from all departments. Next regular meeting: Thursday, July 08, 2021, at 7:00PM, location TBD.

Item 9: Adjournment

Dr. Crossland set the next meeting for July 08, 2021, at 7:00PM. The location TBD. With there being no further business to come before the board, Dr. Crossland adjourned the meeting at 7:57PM.



Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair



Joe Mike Briseno, Recording Secretary