

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 20th day of January 2022, the Amarillo Area Public Health Board met for a quarterly board meeting at the City of Amarillo, Simms Municipal building, room 275, 808 S. Buchannan, Amarillo Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Kenneth Crossland, DDS Chair, City of Canyon	N	224	199
Kevin Hawkins, Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Y	73	69
Delores Thompson Potter County	Y	48	34
Judi Smith Randall County	N	96	77
Brenda Adams Randall County	Y	16	14
Belinda Taylor City of Amarillo	Y	61	45
Rebecca Scott, MD Potter County	Y	16	14
Mike Campbell Timbercreek	N	10	2

Administrative Officers Present:

Casie Stoughton Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Carol Hill Assistant Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Anthony Spanel Director, Environmental Health, City of Amarillo
Margaret Payton Director, WIC, City of Amarillo
Victoria Medley Director, Animal Management and Welfare, City of Amarillo

Guests Present

Rick Tinajero KAMR

Item 1: Call to Order and Welcome

Vice Chairman Kevin Hawkins opened the meeting at 7:00pm, established a quorum, and conducted the consideration of the following items in the order presented.

Item 2: Minutes

Kevin Hawkins and members of the board reviewed minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as presented.

Item 3: Introduction of Guests/New Members

Richard Tinajero

Item 4: Consider: Ordinance Chapter 8-5 Food Establishment Scoring Update

A food service operation inspection will be conducted using a 47-item inspection report versus a 56-item inspection report. Scoring will be optional in the new ordinance.

Survey

- 293 total respondents
 - 75% - General Public
 - 25% - Industry
- 92% of respondents voted to keep the scoring the same.

Draft of the new ordinance

- Adopting 47 item inspection report
- Utilizing the existing scoring mechanism
 - Including Alpha/Numerical Scorecard
- Scorecard posting location
 - Visible from exterior at all entrances
 - 10 feet of entrance in certain circumstances

Rebecca made a motion to adopt, Ordinance Chapter 8-5 Food Establishment Scoring Update. Seconded by Delores Thompson.

Item 5: Discussion: Topical Update from Health Authority

None

Item 6: Administrative Reports given by Departments

Animal Management and Welfare

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

- Parvovirus
 - Decrease in parvo case.
 - Shelter is open to a limited access for Potter County, Randall County, and the City of Canyon.
 - Under 5% of animals are testing positive.

Environmental Health

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

- Staffing challenges
- Department Performance
 - Food Hygiene
 - On-Site Sewage
 - Recreational Water
- Grease Trap Program

Public Health

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

- COVID – 19 Update
 - Increase in new cases
 - 1,886 on Tuesday
 - A little over 900 more new cases today
 - New Omicron variant
- COVID – 19 Infusions
 - 5,452 patients treated since 9/22/21
 - Increase in referrals
- Vaccines
 - 147,000+ doses given – Includes first, second, and booster doses
 - Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are given at Public Health
- Staffing challenges
- Grant Programs
 - 9/1/21 staff working back on grant activities

WIC

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

- WIC Participation
 - 5,072 Average Participates for this quarter (Oct. 2021 – Dec. 2021).

- USDA increase with fruits and vegetables
 - Had to bring participates back and re-issue voucher benefits
- Staffing challenges

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, April 21, 2022, at 7:00PM, location TBD.

Item 9: Adjournment

Kevin Hawkins set the next meeting for April 21, 2022, at 7:00PM. The location TBD. With there being no further business to come before the board, Kevin Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.



Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair



Joe Mike Briseno, Recording Secretary