**Louisa County Board of Health**

Meeting Minutes February 8th, 2022

**Members Present**: Randy Griffin, Lynn Mincer, Joellen Schantz, Tim Verink

**Members Present via Zoom**: Jacinta Wangui

**Excused/Absent**:

**Staff Present:** R. Smith

**Guests:** Jim Rudisill, Brian Thye, Berdette Davis

**Guests via Zoom:**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Griffin at 1335.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve February 8th, 2022 agenda by Schantz, 2nd by Verink. All approved, so carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mincer to approve January 11th, 2022 board minutes, 2nd by Verink. All approved, so carried.

**Environmental Health Update**

New Business: Thye presented EH finances, stats, and the system installation report through January 2022. Reported he and other RUSS employees had attended a well conference at the end of January.

Old Business: None

*Thye exited the meeting.*

**Public Health/Home Health Update**

Dept. Director Performance Eval: Wangui and Verink reported they met with Smith and performed the yearly performance evaluation. Motion by Verink for the board to accept Smith’s performance as satisfactory, 2nd by Wangui. All approved, so carried.

New business/Financial Report:

Smith presented financial and home visit caseload data through January 2022, reports home health caseload is up from last month since readvertising services and referrals continue to come in.

Staff Position Opening: Smith reports a home care aide has resigned her position, with her last day being 3/4/22. The position has been posted to the agency website and Facebook page and will be in all Louisa papers this week. Smith stated this would likely impact the referral process until a new aide is hired and trained.

After reviewing current LCPH aide wages and comparing PH aide wages to other PH departments in Region 5, Smith requested the board allow a $15/hour starting wage be offered for the new position. Following discussion, motion by Schantz to offer a $15/hour starting wage for the open aide position, 2nd by Verink. All approved, so carried.

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy: Smith presented the proposed policy for the CMS mandate of certified home health agencies. After discussion surrounding the rules as it pertains to contracted staff, contingency plans for unvaccinated staff, and the findings of the County Attorney and HR; a motion was made by Schantz to accept the policy as written, 2nd by Verink. All approved so carried.

LPHS Grant and Chapter 80 Changes: Davis, IDPH Regional CHC, presented the changes IDPH would be implementing to the LPHS grant along with proposed changes to Chapter 80. Smith then presented a graph of how the changes would affect LCPH. Smith stated the biggest change for LCPH would be in how daily staff time studies are conducted. No questions from the board.

Old Business: Smith and Davis notified the board that the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation surrounding COVID-19 would end at 11:59 pm on 2/15/22. Beginning 2/16/22 IDPH will transition out of response and into recovery phase. Changes will include the decommission of public COVID-19 data websites, changes in data reporting, and the transition to treating COVID-19 with the influenza-like illness model, among others. Smith stated no changes were planned for now surrounding COVID-19 vaccines or grants, both will continue to be offered and utilized by LPCH.

**Public Input**

No public in attendance.

**Meeting**

Next BOH meeting: Tuesday, March 8th @ 1330

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Mincer at 1421.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roxanne Smith*

Secretary Pro Tem

Motion to Approve:

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