

JC HHRC Meeting Minutes 8/3/2023
Jefferson County Public Safety Center
Time: 6:00pm

Minutes:

- Welcome, Call to Order, Role Call
 - Lindsey Wyne (Guest) - JC Health Department Director
 - Jane Stormer
 - Tomeka Livers
 - Amanda Chandler
 - Dr. Scott Murphy

- Approval of Minutes
 - Approved by Jane and seconded by D.J.

- Health
 - Lindsay was invited to speak about the Health First Indiana funding
 - Shared an Indiana Public Health Fact Sheet.
 - Indiana and Jefferson County both rank low on metrics measuring Public Health.
 - 90th out of 92 counties for cigarette smoking
 - Among the worst counties in the state for pregnant mothers smoking
 - 65th out of 92 for life expectancy; Jefferson County is in the bottom 3rd of the state.
 - Overview of funding for public health
 - 60% must be spent on preventative public health
 - 40% max on food protection and sewage
 - We want to make sure we are testing mosquitoes
 - 10% cap on capital expenses, but this funding can roll over
 - Questions for Lindsay
 - How is the spending overseen? / Is there a way to analyze the factors that lead to concerns, like life expectancy? Is there an assessment to determine why some of these members are how they are?
 - For fatalities, it would require a fatality review board. A system to categorize causes of death within the county. High correlation for smoking numbers and the lung issues. The goal is to proportionally give attention to the biggest causes of concerns.
 - Could there be funding for student interns to conduct research over summers under the guidance of an entomologist on Hanover's campus?
 - Yes
 - How many cases of Lyme disease are reported in the county?

- Too small to be reportable (less than 5).
 - It would be great to get figures that relate to the work we are doing.
 - If there is a home for farm safety/industrial safety? For example, unairconditioned workplaces.
 - Factories are not under the jurisdiction of the Health Department.
 - Does the funding have to go through the Health Department?
 - There is room for services to be contracted out, but it requires some hands-on collaboration.
 - STI testing in the county? Access to free care is a challenge.
 - Would require facility modifications for them to expand their services which would be a capital expense.
 - Can the full scorecard be shared?
 - **Jane will send the scorecard out once she receives it.**
 - How can we best help you?
 - If we get information about issues that meet the grant criteria that doesn't exist, please let Lindsey know.
- Health
 - Setting a date for the community collaborative YMCA meeting.
 - Lots of feedback from various members of the community. Coordinating a collaborative approach.
 - Put on Agenda for next meeting (August 31st)
 - **Jane will invite the known individuals that have expressed interest to come to the meeting.**
 - **Everyone should share names with Jane if they have knowledge of interested parties.**
 - This meeting takes place on International Overdose Awareness Day
 - Healthy Communities of Jefferson County Newsletter
 - Newsletter comes from the local hospitals
 - Topics discussed
 - Substance Abuse
 - Healthy Lifestyles
 - Crisis Stabilization Unit
 - Community Health Fair
 - HY Tailgate
 - Out of the Darkness Walk
 - 25th Anniversary of Rin the Falls
- Human Relations
 - Setting date for BIPOC/LGBTQ+ community listening sessions
 - Madison HRC will be invited to join the JC HHRC group to these closed meetings.

- BIPOC discussion after the Community Block Party Day
- After Hanover College students get back to campus
 - October 12th tentatively for the LGBTQ+ Listening session
 - **Jane will verify the meeting space is available that day either at the Emergency Management Building or through PFLAG.**
 - **D.J. will send contact information to Jane of the HC Love Out Loud**
 - October 3rd tentatively selected for the BIPOC Meeting Day.
 - **Jane will verify the meeting space is available that day at the Emergency Management Building.**
 - **D.J. will send contact information to Jane of the HC Black Student Union**
- Audience Discussion
 - Ruth T. -
 - Grateful for the existence of the JC HHRC
 - Concerns expressed about herbicide spray on Chelsea Flatwoods. Located on highways 62 & 500 and is owned by the Indiana Nature Conservancy.
 - Ruth has photos.
 - Got connected to Alan Abbott Kentucky Native Plant Society.
 - Alan was in touch with Mr. Bramer and expressed these concerns
 - Spraying took place along the electricity lines that are owned by LG&E and Alan tried to get this to the attention of the nature conservancy.
 - Spraying along 500 road has caused the die-off of trees and plants.
 - The information sent to Alan from LG&E expressed the spraying was spot treatment, which is counter to their observations.
 - Interested in the use of an herbicide that would not kill off some of the plants and animals in the wetlands.
 - 2 Reasons wetlands need protections
 - Wells in the areas can have leached herbicides in the groundwater
 - As the county is has a growing interest in health, this is a place where a trail location could be constructed.
 - Requests an equestrian trail to be considered.
 - This used to be done in Clifty
 - Closest trails are Versailles and Dean Lake
 - Some dedicated groups are committed to trail maintenance for equestrian trails.
 - Information requested:
 - Wants to know the frequency of the sprays

- Wants help in figuring out who has info about the trail
- Wants a commitment for restitution from LG&E and for it not to happen again.
- In touch with Nature Conservancy, LG&E (via Nature Conservancy), Hoosier Environmental Council, the State Botanist, and has plans to contact the Indiana Pesticide Board. Will also contact a hydrologist to examine a water sample.
- 150-foot swath along the powerlines were sprayed. Damage is believed to be done by both parties.
- Not known if there is an agreement on the types of herbicides are used.
 - **Jane will add this to an agenda for an upcoming meeting and investigate who may be good individuals to approach about this conversation.**
 - Tomeka requested hard copies of the rules about which herbicides could be used from Ruth.
- Upcoming Meeting Dates:
 - August 31
 - September 28
 - October 26
 - November 30
- Adjournment
 - Jane motions
 - D.J. seconds