



## **EAST CHICAGO HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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**ANTHONY COPELAND, MAYOR**

**Dr. Paula Benchik Abrinko, Health Officer**

**Diana Garcia- Burns, Health Director**

### **Health Finance & Board Minutes**

**July 7, 2021 5:00 pm**

**Health Department Classroom**

**100 W. Chicago Avenue**

**East Chicago, 46312**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82636050234?pwd=Sjd3ZkRJRiRhK0daanJJcThMODBZUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 3605 0234

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#### **I. Call to order**

- Diane P call the meeting to order
- Attendance: Natalie A (Zoom), Dr. S. Reed (Zoom), Dr. Rev. Wade (Zoom), Dr. M. Libiran (Zoom) Diane P (In-Person), Attorney Snow (Zoom), Diana B( In- Person), Dr. Benchik (In- Person)

#### **II. New Business**

- Review and approve minutes from the following meeting:
  - i. Board Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2021
    - Natalie A made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from June 2, 2021, Dr. S. Reed second the motion, all in favor, the motion carries.
- Review and approve the following payroll warrants.
  - i. Payroll Warrant 061121 dated June 11, 2021 for \$18,053.58
  - ii. Payroll Warrant 062521 dated June 25, 2021 for \$17,372.57
    - Natalie A. made a motion to approve payroll warrant 061121 dated June 11, 2021 for \$18,053.58 and payroll warrant 062521 dated June 25, 2021 for \$17,372.57, Dr. M. Libiran second the motion, all in favor, the motion carries.

- Review and approve the following claim warrant.
  - i. Claim Warrant 070721HB dated June 30, 2021 for \$22,251.57
    - Natalie A. made a motion to approve claim warrant 070721HB dated June 30, 2021 for \$22,251.57, Dr. S. Reed second the motion, all in favor, the motion carries.
- Review and approve the following contracts for service
  - i. Hector Segura- Vector Control Supervision Services
    - Natalie A. made a motion to approve Hector Segura, Vector Control Supervision contract of service, Dr. S. Reed, second the motion, all in favor, the motion carries.

III. Old Business-N/A

IV. Discussion

- Law Update- Memo to EC Health Board- SEA 5
  - i. Attorney Snow- Presented to the board the Senate Enrolled Act No. 5, which summarized and clarified the provisions of Indiana Senate Enrolled Act No. 5, adopted by the Indiana General Assembly on May 10, 2021, over the veto of the Governor, as they apply the East Chicago Health Department and the East Chicago Board of Health. Attorney Snow reviewed added sections to Ind. Code Article 16-20, which generally establishes the respective authorities of various local health departments. The law appears to generally operate to restrict the ability of the local health department or local health officer to independently take “enforcement actions” more stringent or restrictive than the executive orders issued by the Governor during a declared public health emergency. Recommendation made to present an order to the council.

V. Director Update

- Mrs. Burns- Spoke about the vaccination clinic opens only 3 days vs. 5 days. We see a breakthrough with Delta, which is now the primary. Kids are being vaccinated; however, the rate is low. Spoke with legacy about doing a pop-up at public locations, for example, grocery store, laundry matt, etc. We are awaiting an update from the state before moving forward with Eric Reyes's contract.

VI. Health Officer Update

- Dr. Benchick- Spoke about the virtual meeting and the potential change requirements and how that may impact the new candidate's interest in serving on the board. Spoke about supporting East Chicago's continued mandate. The current vaccination rate for the city is at 30%. Children under a certain age are not vaccinated and can be at risk of exposure. If there is an increase in the numbers, the city has its mandate in place.

VII. Adjournment

- Natalie A made a motion to adjourn, Dr. S. Reed second the motion, all in favor, the motion carries.

*The next regular scheduled meeting is August 4, 2021 at 5 p.m.*

Signature C. A. [Signature] 8/4/21