

Town of Islesboro, Health Center Advisory Board

Regular Meeting- January 19th, 2017

Members Present: Brenda Thomas, Myra Rolerson, Linda Gillies, David Runnion- Bareford, Mike Kerr, Chloe Joule, Sharon Ashley

Members Absent: Charlotte Mitchell, Derreth Roberts

Others Present: Dorie Henning, Dr. Steele, Janet Anderson

1. Meeting Called to Order at 3:33pm
2. A Quorum was established
3. Approval of Minutes from November 17th, 2016
4. Health Center Directors Report:

Dorie says that the Trauma Room has been finished. Newly painted, organized emergency equipment in tool cart. Owen replaced all the AED Batteries around town. Linda wrote an article to I.I.NEWS about Health Screenings. Being more diligent with patients with chronic illnesses. Making sure they are managing diseases, especially diabetes. Dorie passed around new forms. People on the EMS are mentoring our new Paramedic, Kevin Michael, and filling out performance evaluation forms. Linda and Dorie completed a 40 hour CRMA class for Boardman Staff. People have asked at Health Center about AA Resources. Peggy has made up a resource paper. Fred Porter has voiced, that he feels there is a need for more available mental health options, for psychiatric disorders. These including anxiety, depression, bi-polar. Joyce comes once a week and she is stretched to her limit. Perhaps a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner could be hired. Sharon has offered to do a class on Diabetes Management.
5. Health Center Administrative Report: Janet Anderson: Budget Time!! Getting ready to meet with all.
6. Sliding Fee Scale, Chart was passed out
7. 2017 Meeting Calendar, Handout was passed out
8. Tick- Borne Disease Report: A full report for 2016, will be ready for next meeting. Ticks are down due to a dry summer. There is a new Tick Research Project, CRISPR, being done at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This research alters the DNA of disease carrying animals, for example, small white mice, on whom ticks are found. Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard are looking into it. Cost for this is millions of dollars. An article was written by Michael Specter for the New Yorker.
9. Other/ Additional Business: Mike Kerr asked what does Kevin bring as a Paramedic? Dorie said he can administer many more drugs, he can intubate, do tracheotomy, and start IV's, to name a few. Do we stock epi-pens? Yes, we do have some. Sharon has made posters on HEP C. The Health Center has been doing some screenings. Major symptom of Hep C is Fatigue.
10. Adjournment of meeting at 4:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Thomas



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