

ISLESBORO HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

November 17th, 2016, 3:30 pm

Town Office Meeting Room

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

Non members present: Rhonda Shand, Dr. Steele, Owen Howell

1. Meeting called to order at 3:30
2. A quorum was established
3. Minutes approved and seconded from September 15th, 2016
4. Health Center Director Report: Chart audit reports, many questions have been improved. Renovation in the clinic is on track with the Stevens money. The doors have been changed, with a bigger, insulated one, and has been painted. Dory has been doing more physicals. There are new laws on controlled substances. When prescribing, patients are signing drug contracts, to protect the Health Center. These are new guidelines to all patients. Infection policy was recently updated by Dory.
5. Health Center Administrative Report: Janet was absent
6. Policy Review: Infection Control: Motion to approve, Chair to sign amended policy. Approved and seconded.
7. People wishing to address board: David Runnion- Bareford asked: Is it a goal to do more physicals? Owen replied, Yes, if we are their primary provider, and if patients are comfortable to having them being done here.
8. Tick-Borne Disease Committee Report: 1 strongly treated, 13 rashes, last year 32 confirmed. Attributed to a dryer climate. Active along coast, less up in Northern Maine. When tick count was done, 48% were infected. Less tick patients, due to people being more aware and taking precautions. Columbia University study is so appreciative of our Health Center's information and data. Far and Above with how well the info is. Blood work is very important. Kudos to Health Center!! They are a "STAR"!! When blood taken from patient, paperwork is done, questions asked, how they feel? 6 weeks more blood taken. Patient received \$40.00 for each blood taken. Blood is put in special freezer. Owen is gathering blood specimens, that other studies can use. Thank-you to Linda and Derreth, for keeping info together for years. Lint rollers are great to use to remove ticks from clothing!!
9. Other additional business: Sharon asked; Has anything been done for screening for Hepatitis C? Owen replied a great idea. It is a liver disease. Blood work costs roughly \$200.00 with Medicare. Drug costs \$60,000- \$70,000 to cure. Some drug companies are giving these drugs for free, to cure disease. Perhaps a poster could be put up!!
10. Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm