

MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: 12.08.2021; 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm CST		LOCATION: Victoria County Public Health Classroom	
OFFICERS: CHAIR: Darla Strother VICE-CHAIR: SECRETARY: David Gonzales		MEMBERS: Erica Briggs, Dr. Lee Zeplin, Dr. Daniel Cano, Darla Strother, Dr. Javier Vasquez-Ortiz, M.D., Dr. Sidney Ontai, Dr. Grant Heller D.D.S, Heather Glaze, R.N. and Henry Holloman Members present: David Gonzales, Heather Glaze, Henry Holloman Guests/ Victoria County Staff Present: Delilah Perez, Jose Flores, Scott Buchanan, Shannon Geistman, Sarah Cann, Emmanuel Opada, Charlotte Garner	
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION	TASK ASSIGNMENT
1. Call to Order	David Gonzales	Called to order at 12:08	
2. Introductions	David Gonzales		
3. Approval of Minutes	Motion Made: Second:	Minutes tabled until 3/9/22 meeting	
4. Discussion Item from the Board		No Action	
5. Director's Report	David Gonzales	David Gonzales informed the board that the Health Department has two new grants – Public Health Workforce Grant and Health Disparities Grant. The Health Department is working on future grants that would be for building improvements and is currently in discussions for a Health Department sign. David Gonzales also stated that additional	

		<p>funds were requested from the County for the purchase of vehicles for Animal Control and increases in salaries for a few employees. David Gonzales introduced Emmanuel Opada – Epidemiologist. Emmanuel Opada gave a brief account of his employment background. David Gonzales stated that Emmanuel Opada will be given training in San Antonio. David Gonzales said that the COVID 19 case numbers are down for Victoria. Lower case counts could be due to at home testing, however there has also been a lower number of hospitalizations and patients at infusion centers. Emmanuel Opada stated that the Omicron variant is a concern and that public awareness and education are important. Shannon Geistman stated that there has been an increase in flu cases, with Flu B being more prevalent in the beginning of flu season and has now changed to seeing more cases of Flu A. Shannon Geistman added that this is typical of most flu seasons.</p> <p>David Gonzales introduced Sarah Cann – Community Engagement Supervisor/ Public Relations. Sarah Cann stated that many residents are unaware of the services that are provided by the Health Department and that she will be utilizing social media as an educational tool.</p> <p>David Gonzales introduced Jose Flores – Chief Animal Control Officer. Jose Flores advised the board that Scott Buchanan was recently promoted to Acting Assistant Supervisor. Scott Buchanan will assist Jose Flores along with Animal Control Officer duties. Scott Buchanan stated that call volumes are decreasing due to colder weather but still are receiving calls regarding animal cruelty. Jose Flores added that the City of Victoria has passed a new City Ordinance regarding Animal Control which changed the stray hold time</p>	
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		from 3 days to 5 days. There are concerns regarding disease control. Jose Flores stated that animals being brought in need to be vaccinated to insure the safety of all animals in the shelter. Jose Flores said that a Shelter Advisory Committee will be set up at the new year.	
6. New Business		No Action	
7. Adjournment		Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 pm	
		Next meeting set for 03/09/22	

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