



VICTORIA COUNTY

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: 03.09.2022; 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, Henry Holloman, Darla Strothers, Dr. Grant Heller, Heather Glaze, Dr. Lee Zeplin Guests/ Victoria County Staff Present: Dr. Nafeesa Salam, Delilah Perez, Sarah Cann, Kim Kirbo, Ashley Cano, Charlotte Garner	
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION	TASK ASSIGNMENT
1. Call to Order	David Gonzales	Called to order at 12:06	
2. Introductions	David Gonzales		
3. Approval of Minutes	Motion Made: Heather Glaze Second: Henry Holloman	Minutes 09/8/21 meeting Minutes 12/8/21 meeting	
4. Discussion Item from the Board		No Action	
5. Director's Report	David Gonzales	David Gonzales introduced Ashley Cano - Texas Health Communities. Ashley Cano discussed the goals for Texas Healthy Communities for the coming year. 1. Tobacco/Vaping Cesation. Working with the	

		<p>City of Victoria for ordinances regarding vaping and an overall clean air campaign. 2. Healthy Aging Plan that will be hosting events to include residents that are 65 and older utilizing Victoria Parks and Rec. 3. Healthy Food Access to help inform the public of healthy choices such as utilizing the Farmers Market SNAP program and working with the community that are food deserts such as Bloomington ISD to construct community gardens. Darla Strothers commented that vaping needs to be addressed. Nafeesa Salam asked for informational pamphlets to hand out to patients.</p> <p>Kim Kirbo - HARP. Kim Kirbo discussed the many programs that are offered by HARP that include HOPWA (assistance with housing needs for HIV/Aids clients, Food Bank, Pharmaceutical Assistance, Outpatient/Ambulatory Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance, Oral Health, Medical Transportation, Mental Health, Case Management and Health Insurance. Kim Kirbo stated that currently the HARP program has 103 clients and 95% are insured. HARP is 100% grant funded</p> <p>Sarah Cann - Community Engagement/Public Relations. Sarah Cann informed the board that her position is newly created and grant funded. Sarah Cann added that she manages Be Well and Health Disparities grants. Be Well involves the mental health of at risk individual in Victoria. Health Disparities is a new grant that focuses on community engagement regarding the negative impact of the pandemic. Sarah Cann also is responsible for Public Relations for the Health Department. The goal is to assure the public that the Health Department is the authority on health and to dispel misinformation.</p>	
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<p>6. Board Appointment</p>		<p>David Gonzales informed that board that there are several seats that will expire April 2022. Dr. Zeplin will no longer be on the board due to the term limit set forth by the bylaws. David Gonzales asked for nominations for board members for new board members. Dr. Zeplin nominated Dr. Haley Daniel. David Gonzales stated that there was a need for a board member that represents restaurants in the area and would have an appointment before the next meeting. Heather Glaze, Darla Strothers and Henry Holloman agreed to serve for another term. David Gonzales advised that he will give a recommendation for one open position and advise that Dr. Ontai is available to serve again. David Gonzales discussed the position of Chair and Vice-Chair. The bylaws state that a new Chair and Vice-Chair are to be elected annually. David Gonzales made a motion to leave the bylaw regarding length of appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair to 1 year. The motion was seconded by Heather Glaze. The motion carried. A motion was made by David Gonzales to change Section IV, Article I, section A. to "Neither the Chairman or Vice Chairman may succeed himself in office for more than 3 consecutive terms. Seconded by Dr. Grant Heller. The motion carried. David Gonzales stated that he will present the names for the nominees board to Commissioner's Court and have all approved by June 8, 2022 meeting</p>	
<p>7. Adjournment</p>		<p>Meeting Adjourned: 12:53 pm</p>	

		Next meeting set for 06/08/22	
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