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GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2025
4:00PM

In attendance

Dr. Linda Gunn, PHD, CHPRM, ACC, President, Board Member
Dr. Janet Seabrook- MD, MBA, Health Commissioner
Veronica Collins-Ellis, MPA, Executive Director
Dr. Steve Simpson, M.D.
Dr. Eugene Boone, D.D.S.
Celona Hayes- Assistant City Attorney II

Not in attendance

Will Miller- MBA, OWDS, Vice Chairperson Gary Republican Party, Professor/Teacher, Board Member
Albert Gay- Managing Partner, Chief of Development, and a Master Trainer for SheRay's & Associates, LLC & TTJ Group, Board Member

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gunn, at 4:08pm.

The meeting began with the reviewing of the minutes from the previous meeting in February. In the beginning of the meeting there was no quorum, so minutes could not be approved. The meeting continued with the Board By-Law review. Ms. Hayes suggested that in the By-Laws that being able to vote in absentia should be put in the document. This could allow absent Board Members to vote, so that business can continue. Ms. Hayes will also help wordsmith Article III, Letter B, #4. The Board asked if Article II, A, #3 could be revised this would help pinpoint the functions of the GHD. Article III, #6, the word "recommendation" was added to specify that Board Members do not vote in new members, but can recommend new members. The Board continued to give their suggestions and revisions for the by-laws.

After the By-Law review the meeting concluded with announcements from Mrs. Collins-Ellis & Dr. Seabrook. The Department is awaiting on the Narcan for the Narcan Vending Machines. A grant was

received from the State to purchase Narcan. The grant will provide 1,000 doses, and can reapply every year. For the time being, ideal locations are still trying to be found for the Vending Machines. A few ideas are city buildings, tattoo shops, and the Pilot Travel Center. The Monroe Smith Center will possibly be considered a domestic violence shelter. It was proposed to have a non-for-profit entity to deal with the shelter portion of the center. The Board had questions about how will the Monroe Smith Center be discreet enough to shelter women and children. Mrs. Collins-Ellis shared that changes would have to be made in order to keep everyone safe. Lastly, Dr. Gunn called for a motion to approve minutes from February. Dr. Simpson carried the motion. Dr. Boone 2nd. The motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned @5:09pm

Submitted by:
Karynton Holliday
Recording Secretary