



**CITY OF GARY**  
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GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**VERONICA COLLINS-ELLIS, MPA**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. JANET SEABROOK, MBA, MD  
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

## GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

JUNE 10, 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 (**On Phone**)

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

Dr. Matthew Tipton, MD

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

The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting in May. There was no quorum at the beginning of the meeting to vote. The meeting continued with a request from Dr. Seabrook to send the 2025 GHD Highlights via email for the Board to approve. Once approved, the highlights would be sent to the Mayor. Dr. Gunn proposed for a summer break and to reconvene in September; after September Board Meetings will be held every other month. Mrs. Collins-Ellis announced that the locations for the Narcan Vending Machines have been finalized. The locations are Gary Harm Reduction on West Ridge Road, Metro Center, and Miller K Market. The Gary Health Department will be hosting a Health Fair on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The fair will be in the Parking Lot at IUN. The GHD received HFI Funding for \$433,000; initially, there was \$3.2M allocated to the Health Department. Due to cuts nation-wide, the dollar amount decreased.

The Board suggested to highlight services and programs the GHD provides, so that organizations can see the importance of distributing their dollars to the Health Department. The Mayor will be holding a press conference announcing all grantees that received grant dollars from the Health Department. The grant dollars were given to foundations that will assist with the Opioid Crisis in the community. The Board agreed that the press conference will help those who may have questions regarding the Behavioral Health Division. Mrs. Collins-Ellis is currently looking for a place to store the Health Department's birth and death records. Ms. Hayes did share that

the current administration requested for them not to be shredded. The IUN Archive Department could not assist with this project due the lack of staff. There was officially a quorum to review and approve the minutes. Dr. Gunn called for a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Gay made the motion. Motion was carried. Dr. Gunn reiterated the proposal regarding summer break, resuming in September, and bi-monthly meetings. Dr. Gunn called for a motion. All was in favor. Board agreed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @4:54pm

Submitted by:  
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Recording Secretary