



CITY OF GARY
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 MAYOR

GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

VERONICA COLLINS-ELLIS, MPA
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. JANET SEABROOK, MBA, MD
 HEALTH COMMISSIONER

GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

MAY 13, 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
- 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 **(On Phone)**
- Dr. Matthew Tipton, MD

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gunn, at 4:07pm.

The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting in April. There was a correction that needed to be made. Instead of "Opioid Awardees" it should have said "Mental Health Awardees". Dr. Gunn called for a motion to approve minutes with the correction. Mr. Gay made the motion and Mr. Miller 2nd. Motion was carried. The Gary Health Department went live in April for online ordering for birth and death records. Vital Records has processed over 100 certificates in less than a month. There will be a digitization company that will be taking the physical birth and death records and scanning documents to put in a cloud. The Legal Team & Council are currently discussing how to and where to store records, as the current administration does not want to shred the documents. Dr. Simpson suggested that Mrs. Collins-Ellis contact IUN.s Cultural Center to possibly archive the records.

The meeting continued with the Board welcoming Dr. Tipton. Behavioral Program Manager ChaKara Gunn will be meeting with the Mental Health Awardees to determine a referral process. The Gary Police Department will also be partnering with ChaKara whenever they receive mental health calls. Each foundation will network amongst themselves to help with the transition period for those with mental health needs. In the near future, the GHD will be moving into a new building. The Mayor is assessing buildings that would be compatible for the

Health Department. Lastly, the Community Baby Shower went well and there will be a Health Fair on Saturday, June 28th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned @4:55pm

Submitted by:
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Recording Secretary