

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 18th day of July 2024, the Amarillo Area Public Health Board met for a quarterly board meeting at the City of Amarillo, Department of Public Health conference room located at 850 Martin Rd., Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Kenneth Crossland, DDS Chair, City of Canyon	Y	230	205
Kevin Hawkins, Vice Chair City of Amarillo	Y	79	74
Delores Thompson Potter County	N	54	36
Judi Smith Randall County	Y	102	81
Marjorie Schroeder Randall County	N	5	4
Jennifer Potter City of Amarillo	N	5	3
Rebecca Scott, MD Potter County	Y	22	19
Amber Bell Tanglewood	N	5	2

Administrative Officers Present:

Victoria Medley Director, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo
John Gates Deputy Director, Environmental Health, City of Amarillo
Casie Stoughton Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Carol Hill Assistant Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Margaret Payton Director, WIC, City of Amarillo
Joe Mike Briseno Recording Secretary, Public Health, City of Amarillo

Guests Present

None

Item 1: Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Dr. Crossland opened the meeting at 7:34pm, established a quorum, and conducted the consideration of the following items in the order presented.

Item 2: Public Comment

There were no comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs, or services of the Amarillo Area Public Health District.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Public Health Board meetings held on November 09, 2023. Dr. Crossland entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. All in favor.

Item 4: Regular Meeting Items

None

Item 5: Discussion Topical Updates from Health Authority

None

Item 6: Administrative Reports

6.A Animal Management and Welfare

Victoria Medley, Director of Animal Management and Welfare, presented the AM&W report.

- Pop-up vaccine clinics Empowerment zone neighborhoods
 - Vaccinated over 300 animals.
- City wide vaccine clinic on July 27, 2024, at the Pavilion Santa Fe Depot
 - 500 available vaccines
 - Parvo
 - Distemper
 - Rabies
- AM&W field officers responded to around 1,000 911 calls per month.
- Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine
 - Press release for 30-day shelter medicine rotation by the 4th year students.
 - Spay and Neuter AM&W's adopted dogs
 - Students participated in AM&W's community outreaches, ride alongs, and adoption events in the community.
- Two positive rabies cases from skunks in Randall County

6.B Environmental Health

John Gates, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, presented the Environmental Health report.

- West Nile
 - No West Nile in our jurisdictions yet.
 - Fish takes in vector shed and growing fathead minnows.

- Releasing the fish into the areas to eat mosquito larva.
- Space sprayed 8,500 acres this year and will continue to spray.
- Septic
 - On track to have 450 septic permits this year.
- Food Inspections
 - 4,406 inspections
- Several staff members are currently in Pittsburgh, PA for the National Environmental Health Association Conference.
- Ground Water
 - Issues with ground water in the areas near two power plants in Potter County.
 - In June Excel Energy sent a letter out to the Interim City Manager about the high levels of nitrate in the water near these power plants.
 - Passing out bottled water to the communities near the power plants.

6.C Public Health

Casie Stoughton, Director of Public Health, and Carol Hill, Assistant Director of Public Health, presented the Public Health report.

- Back-to-school efforts
 - Multiple back-to-school events in the community
 - Free hygiene products, school supplies, haircuts, and sports physicals will be offered at these different events.
- Awarded the Community Mental Health Grant
 - Starts September 01, 2024
 - Five new positions - LOSS (Local Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) team.
- Dr. Bell has been Reappointed as the Health Authority & Medical Director.
 - Deputy Health Authorities include:
 - Dr. Shari Medford
 - Dr. Mandy Griffin
 - Dr. Steve Urban
 - Dr. Ako Bradford

6.D WIC

Margaret Payton, Director of WIC, presented the WIC report.


- WIC Participation
 - Caseload is going up.
 - HHSC is back logged in processing Medicaid and SNAP applications.
 - Estimated to be back logged until December 2025.
 - 6,196 Average participates for this quarter (April 2024 – June 2024).
- Potential Formula crisis
 - Plant in Louisiana that produces the specialized formula was damaged by a tornado.

Item 7: Discuss Items for Future Agendas


Members requested reports and new updates from all departments. Dr. Crossland set the next meeting for October 17, 2024, at 7:00PM. The location will be held at the Public Health Department, located at 850 Martin Road.

Item 8: Adjournment

With there being no further business to come before the board, Dr. Crossland adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.



Dr. Kenneth Crossland, Chair



Joe Mike Briseno, Recording Secretary