

VICTORIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: 3.10.2021; 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm CST LOCATION: Victoria County Public Health Department Board Room

OFFICERS:

CHAIR: Darla Strother

VICE-CHAIR: Dr. Malcolm Sumbera

SECRETARY: David Gonzales

MEMBERS: Erica Briggs, Dr. Lee Zeplin, Dr. Daniel Cano, Darla Strother, Dr. Javier Vasquez-Ortiz, M.D., Dr. Sidney Ontai, Dr. Malcolm Sumbera D.D.S, Heather Glaze, R.N. and Henry Holloman

Members present: David Gonzales, Heather Glaze, Darla Strother, Henry Holloman, Dr. Malcolm Sumbera

Guests/ Victoria County Staff Present: Delilah Perez, Angela Stafford, Mary Tanguma, Ciara McCarthy,

Narmeen Syed, Charlotte Garner

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1.	Call to Order	Dr. Malcolm Sumbera	Called to order at 12:01	
2.	Introductions	Dr. Malcolm Sumbera		
3.	Approval of	Motion Made: Heather Glaze	Minutes Approved	
	Minutes	Second: David Gonzales		
4.	Board Membership	Darla Strother	Dr. Malcolm Sumbera stated that this will be his last meeting as he is retiring. A replacement has been selected, Dr. Grant Heller. David Gonzales advised that Dr. Grant Heller will be a City Representative and he will take care of getting the necessary documents to Dr. Heller to be ready for the next meeting.	
5.	Director's Report	David Gonzales	David Gonzales introduced Angela Stafford – Texas Home Visiting. Angela Stafford discussed two programs – Parents as Teachers	

and Family Connects. Parents as Teachers subcontractor is VISD and has four primary goals: 1. Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parent practices. 2. Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues. 3. Prevent child abuse and neglect. 4. Increase children's school readiness and success. The program current case load is serving 36 of 60 families. Providing virtual home visits with mail outs and drop off materials and monthly group connections. Family Connects contractor is STARS Clinic and the primary goal is to link nurses and families to provide additional support and connect them to resources that nurture the whole family and the child. All mothers qualify for services within Victoria County who deliver at Citizens Medical Center. Family Connects serves 70 of 168 Victoria County family births from September thru February 2021. Family Connects provide virtual home visits and mail outs. Mothers are provided a swag box. Family Connects is currently looking for ways to reach out to new moms to include in the program. Family 1st Advisory Committee has two facets: Car Seat CPS Technicians, car seat 101 presentations and partner with TXDOT to provide car seats to Victoria Residents (currently on hold due to COVID-19). They also provide family literacy events. Family 1st Advisory Committee also has a Results based accountability sub-committee whose goal is to reduce CPS cases by virtual campaign to promote protective factors, provide information on how substance abuse, family violence and adverse childhood experiences connect to abuse, training community members on early signs of abuse and neglect and parenting classes through local churches Mary Tanguma – Environmental Department

Manager discussed the environmental department of the Health Department. Mary Tanguma stated that the department is currently working on cross training all employees. The goal is to have all employees certified in all assets of the department. Mary Tanguma added that during the ice storm the **Environmental Department visited food** establishments to insure that they were adhering to boil water notices and operating safely. Mary Tanguma stated that the department is working on updating Flood Plain ordinates and that the department was recently involved in the Atlas Diesel Spill. The department is awaiting an audit of the Water Lab by the State, but it has been delayed due to COVID-19. David Gonzales stated that during the ice storm inspectors visited 408 restaurants.

COVID-19 Update – David Gonzales informed the board that the Health Department will be ordering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine tomorrow and expect shipment in the near future. David Gonzales discussed the waitlist for vaccines, stating that the system was set up to hold 20,000 names and has ample slots available. David Gonzales informed the board that to date we have given 16,000 vaccines, 11,500 1st dose and 4,500 2nd dose and will be giving 3,000 doses tomorrow. Victoria County is making fast progress in giving the vaccine and he expects that we may be able to close the HUB by the end of April. David Gonzales estimates at 37,000 people may want the vaccine once the CDC opens up vaccine allowance to all. Narmeen Syed suggested that the Health Department conduct marketing to reinforce that the vaccine is safe and supply the public with information on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. David Gonzales agreed. David Gonzales added that the Health

		Department is still involved in contact tracing and that we have not received new guidelines from CDC regarding investigating cases. Case counts are down and the Governor has lifted the mask mandate but the Health Department will still require masks at our location and at the vaccine clinics.
6. New Business	Darla Strother	No Discussion
7. Adjournment	Darla Strother	Meeting Adjourned: 12:42
		Next meeting set for 6/09/21

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