

BROOKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Monday March 16, 7:00pm
Brooke County Courthouse

Present: Joe Ierise, Mary Blum, Jennifer Cross, Carrie Estrada, Amanda Barnett, April Eltringham, Michael Bolen. Absent: Dr. DePetro (excused)

Joe Ierise called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Public Comment:
NONE

Members reviewed the Meeting Minutes held on January 12, 2025
Motion to approve: Jennifer, Second by Mary Blum. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. CPRB – Retirement Employees contribution drops from 9% to 8% starting July 1, 2026.
2. PEIA premium increase of 3%

New Business:

1. Expenditure Report January 3, 2026-March 13, 2026

Motion to approve: Mary Blum, Second by Jennifer Cross. All in favor.

Old Business:
NONE

Administrative Report.

1. Drug Testing is now available.
2. Telehealth – “Gale” meeting with Change Inc. Thursday March 19th.
3. All staff were trained in Reunification and is now able to instruct the class as well. This was based off the “I Love U Guys” foundation. Their mission is to restore and protect the joy of youth through educational programs and positive actions in collaboration with families, school, communities, organizations and government entities. The Health Department inquired with the Brooke County Schools about this as well.
4. Local Health Budget increased from State Budgets.

5. Applied for Opioid Funding through the county, to offset the loss of the infrastructure grant used for a nurse salary- asking for two years' worth of salary and benefits. The total also included a new website.
6. Funding Possibilities with Royal Health Transformation are still unknown.
7. House Bill 4463 passed- allowing those with a two-year degree to become Sanitarians in the state. April will be preparing to take the Sanitarian training in the Fall of 2027.

Motion to adjourn 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Ieris, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Ieris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.