

MINUTES OF THE COLLIN COUNTY
HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD
October 17, 2024

The meeting of the Advisory Board of the Collin County Health Care Foundation was conducted at noon in the 2nd floor conference room of the 900 Building in Plano, Texas on October 17, 2024.

Advisory Board Members Present:

Richard Bjorklund	Representative, PCT 1	Amy Kallas	Representative, PCT 3
Theresa Counter	Representative, PCT 1	Cindy Wheeler	Representative, PCT 3
Valeria Owens	Representative, PCT 2		

Advisory Board Members Absent:

D. John Tanner	Representative, PCT 2	Diann Jones	Representative, At Large
VACANT	Representative, PCT 4	VACANT	Representative, At Large
Pat Hatchell	Representative, PCT 4		

Health Care Staff Present:

Candy Blair, Health Care Administrator	Christian Jimenez, Financial Analyst
Taylor Burton, Assistant Public Health Director	Bethany MacDonald, Financial Analyst
Grace Powers, Epidemiologist	

Guests Present:

#1 The meeting was called to order.

#2 Review of Minutes Reporting

A brief review was given on the reporting of August's board meeting minutes, approved via email and posted prior to the meeting on the CCHCF webpage. Future minutes reporting will follow similar suit.

#3 Typhus Presentation

Collin County Health Care Services Epidemiologist Grace Powers gave a presentation on Flea-borne Typhus, also known as Murine Typhus, and caused by the bacteria *Rickettsia typhi*. In the United States, Texas reports the highest number of flea-borne typhus cases annually. Over 5,800 cases of flea-borne typhus were reported between 2008 and 2022. Control measures for preventing flea infestations include keeping yards clean to discourage animals and rodents, not leaving food out at night, and treating for fleas before controlling any rodent or wild animal infestations. Almost all cases of Flea-borne Typhus resolve completely with treatment.

#4 Non-Profit Grant Application Process Review

Bethany MacDonald gave a review on the non-profit grant application process. The grant application will open on October 8th, 2024 and will close on November 19th, 2024. The grant application and guidelines will be sent to the current awardees, as well as posted on the Collin County website under the Healthcare Foundation webpage.

#5 Approval of 2025 Advisory Board Meeting Dates

Two 2025 meeting date options were presented to the Board Members. The 5 present board members unanimously voted on the following dates:

- January 16th, 2025
- April 17th, 2025
- July 17th, 2025
- October 16th, 2025

#6 General Health Update

Taylor Burton gave a general healthcare update for Collin County.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2025.