

CABELL-HUNTINGTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Board of Health Regular Meeting – January 22, 2020

Board Members Present:

Donna Rumbaugh
Robert Sweeney
Kevin Yingling, MD
Danny Porter
Fred Kitchen
Daniel Konrad

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present:

Michael Kilkenny, MD, MS, Physician Director
Tim Hazelett, Administrator
Kathleen Napier, Nursing Director
Jack Mease, Accountant
Elizabeth Adkins, Health and Wellness Director
Kim Lockwood, Epidemiologist
Laura Johnson, Secretary
Teresa Mills, Prevention Coordinator
Tonya Chaney, Regional Epidemiologist
Rodney Melton, Chief Sanitarian
Jaclyn Johnson, Threat Preparedness Coordinator
Allen Woodrum, Information and Technology Director

Visitors:

Taylor Stuck, Herald-Dispatch
Vanetta Morris, Student
Kim Thomas, CDC PHAP

At the request of the Chair, Mrs. Rumbaugh, the Vice Chair, Mr. Konrad called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

A motion to add Election of Officers to the agenda was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh and approved. Election of Officers was added to the January 2020 Board of Health Agenda.

Election of Officers:

Election takes effect immediately.

Dr. Yingling was nominated for Chair by Mr. Konrad and seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh.
Mr. Konrad was nominated for Vice Chair by Dr. Yingling and seconded by Mr. Kitchen.
A vote to elect Dr. Yingling as Chair and Mr. Konrad as Vice Chair was unanimously approved.

As the new Chair, Dr. Yingling requested the Vice Chair, Mr. Konrad to preside at the meeting.

we have the resources and opportunity to set a goal to eradicate Hepatitis C in Cabell County. Dr. Yingling encouraged the Board of Health and Dr. Kilkenny to strongly consider setting an epidemiological goal to achieve eradication of Hepatitis C. Hepatitis C eradication in the City of Huntington and Cabell County would set the initiative for the state. The monetary benefit of that year after year over the next decades is enormous.

Dr. Kilkenny announced a Cabell County Hepatitis C Work Group has been formed and is working on a pilot project.

Mr. Sweeney inquired on how Hepatitis C can be eradicated. Dr. Kilkenny stated Hepatitis C is a curable disease and transmission can be eliminated. Mr. Sweeney requested information to be presented at a future meeting on the logistical mechanics of eradication.

Dr. Yingling inquired if an EOC would be activated to reach the goal. Tim Hazelett stated it would and include other providers to work towards the common goal. Dr. Kilkenny stated Hepatitis C is a chronic infectious disease and can take more than one generation to eliminate. It is not entirely in under our scope to accomplish all aspects of it. We can make the goal and become the driver of policy in the state of West Virginia.

Regional Epidemiology:

Tonya Chaney presented the Regional Epidemiology report, which included regional epidemiological trainings and meetings held in the past month, field and partner education that was completed, and disease investigation and surveillance undertaken was submitted.

Dr. Yingling inquired on the education and intervention programs in place to address the Herpes gladiatorum outbreaks. Dr. Yingling said he believes this Health Department is recognized as leaders across the state on a variety of matters and this can be another one. Though Tonya Chaney does education when presented with the opportunity, most of her actions are reactionary to the outbreak. Kim Lockwood stated in the past we have held educational forums along with question and answer sessions to address the disease. Dr. Yingling recommended implementing an educational and intervention program with school administration, coaches and the participants for wrestling, basketball and gymnastic seasons. Mr. Konrad inquired on the requirements to clean or disinfect mats. Kim Lockwood stated there are no requirements, only recommendations. Dr. Kilkenny stated this disease comes up every year and the schools are aware of the illness. Consequences of having the disease is disqualification from sport. We can reinforce the recommendations and non-participation for those with the disease.

Nursing:

Kathleen Napier presented the Nursing report. The immunization rates appear to be trending lower. Though compared to the previous year it is trending normal.

Harm Reduction Program

Kathleen Napier presented the Harm Reduction report.

Two Community Health Workers have been added to the Harm Reduction Program through our partnership with Marshall Health. They will be working specifically with our HIV and Hepatitis C population. Their role is to develop a relationship with the clients, conduct follow up and provide linkage to services. This is funded through a new grant.

Mr. Konrad inquired if the legislative bill to eliminate harm reduction programs is being monitored. Yes, we are closely monitoring legislative bills.

Information and Technology:

Allen Woodrum presented the Information and Technology report.

Mr. Konrad opened the floor for staff to state any problems or comments on the IT switch.

Allen Woodrum stated though there were minor hiccups, the switch went over smoothly enough. Tim Hazelett stated it is phenomenal to complete an IT platform in a matter of six weeks. WV Division of

- Website updates will be completed by departments. Thirteen employees, including departmental leads were trained to quickly and effectively update the website.
- Events Calendar – departments are encouraged to promote their events and services

Casey Napier was thanked for her assistance in getting the website launched.

Mr. Kitchen stated it's a massive update and it's fresh.

A motion to approve the departmental reports as circulated before this meeting and amplified with questions and response was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh and approved.

Financial Report:

Jack Mease presented the November and December 2019 financial reports.

A motion to approve the invoices and receipts was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Konrad and approved.

Administration:

Tim Hazelett presented the Administration Report.

Academic Placement, which is being tracked by Laura Johnson, has been added to the report.

Legislative Update:

We are fairly early in legislature. We are watching it closely. Dr. Kilkenny participates in several calls and each department watched the progress of bills associated with their department. We will continue to keep the Board up to date on any actions that need taken.

Elizabeth Adkins and Allen Woodrum were commended for simultaneously completing the IT switch and website update.

Mr. Sweeney inquired on where the website is hosted. Our website is hosted outside this agency.

Mr. Sweeney requested an update on the discussion with Ed Tucker on making changes to building.

Tim Hazelett stated most of the changes were completed with simple education. At this time they are on hold.

Mr. Sweeney inquired on the impact to the agency in regard to the projected future budgets. Tim Hazelett stated in our financial model, the state contribution is anywhere from \$500,000 – 700,000 of our total budget. In 2017, we suffered a 25% cut and since our revenues have increased. We work on a financial model to insure we are less reliant on state funding. We will continue to watch the projected budgets and seek grants. Jaclyn Johnson just got a \$12,500 grant for Medical Reserve Corps.

Levy:

We are attending the Cabell County Commission meeting tomorrow for approval of the 2022-2027 levy. Elizabeth Adkins has established an internal levy committee and recommends any Board members interested to join. We will be conducting a lot of community outreach.

One thing we started to do within our health department is to allow the community to use our facility. Our 2nd floor, 3rd floor and the smaller conference room is available. We have had several community agencies utilize our facility for meetings.

Tim Hazelett stated he can't talk enough about Dr. Kilkenny's leadership and the Board's leadership in keeping us focused in where we need to be.

Mr. Sweeney asked if the levy comes from property tax and if the machine tax will affect it any. Tim Hazelett stated it could, but it will be minimal.

Physician Director's Report:

Dr. Kilkenny presented the Physician Director's Report.

Dr. Kilkenny thanked the Board of Health for clarifying the level of work they expect from the Hepatitis C initiative. The Cabell County Hepatitis C Work Group is comprised of partners including MU Health, Valley Health, local hospitals, and public health. A pilot project has been set in place to address the barrier of access to treatment. They are piloting protocols to increase treatment by allowing primary care provider to treat with the completion of a consultation with the prescribing specialist. Currently,

Dr. Kilkenny stated he would explore what actions can be taken.

Tim Hazelett stated we are continuing with the Tri-State Health Collaborative. It is an initiative that involves Lawrence Co. Kentucky, Boyd Co. Kentucky, Lawrence County Ohio, Wayne County WV, and Cabell County WV. We will be meeting next Tuesday morning. The initiative is simple, that we feel very strongly on. The rivers don't stop the spread of disease. We are looking at ways to break down the communication barriers to respond to outbreaks. Focus is on tobacco, vaping, opioid and overdose issues.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sweeney.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Kilkenny, MD, MS
Physician Director, Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Approved:



Kevin Yingling, Chair
Cabell-Huntington Board of Health