

CABELL-HUNTINGTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Board of Health Regular Meeting – May 26, 2021

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Fred Kitchen

Staff Members Present:

Michael E. Kilkenny, Chief Executive Officer/Health Officer
Tim Hazelett, Chief Operating Officer
Jack Mease, Chief Financial Officer
Allen Woodrum, IT Director
Laura Powell, Administrative Services Office Assistant
Elizabeth Adkins, Administrative Services Manager

Staff Members Present by Video Conference:

Kathleen Napier, Director of Nursing
Rodney Melton, Director of Environmental Services
Bryce Parker, Regional Epidemiologist
Hannah Petracca, Public Information Officer

Visitors by Video and Phone Conference:

Alex Prichard
Sarah Ingram
Jozlend Tucker

Dr. Yingling called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:04pm.

A motion to approve the May 2021 Board of Health Meeting agenda was made by Mr. Konrad, seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh and approved.

A motion to approve the April 2021 minutes as written was made by Mrs. Rumbaugh, seconded by Mr. Konrad and approved.

Dr. Kilkenny recognized CK Babcock as a community partner and presented him with a plaque for the National Pharmacy Award.

FY2022 Annual Budget

Elizabeth Adkins presented the draft FY2022 Annual Budget. No action was taken by the Board. A vote on the FY2022 Annual Budget will be conducted at the June 2021 Board Meeting.

FY2022 BOH Meeting Dates

A motion to approve the FY2022 Board Meeting Dates as submitted was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Konrad and approved.

Departmental Reports:

Chief Operating Officer:

Tim Hazelett presented the Chief Operating Officer report.

Bryce Parker was introduced as the Regional Epidemiologist through June 30th,2021. The Regional Epidemiology grant will be assumed by another county health department as of July 1st,2021. We are looking into opportunities to expand the CHHD Epidemiology department after July 1st, 2021 through an Epidemiology Lab Capacity Grant.

Environmental Services:

Rodney Melton presented the Environmental Services report.

Epidemiology & Regional Epidemiology Report:

No written reports were submitted.

Dr. Kilkenny stated the Epidemiologist hired is anticipated to start in August. Dr. Nandini Manne is currently assisting us with our epidemiology needs through a contract with the Marshall University School of Public Health.

COVID-19 Update:

In April the number of cases plateaued at 10 per day. Currently, we are seeing 2-3 cases per day in May. The number of new cases is gradually and steadily declining.

Dr. Yingling commented on the fact that internally in the health network, the staff are impressed by:

- (1) the incredible reduction of the number of patients with COVID in the hospital
- (2) equally concerned with the fact there are young people contracting and succumbing to this disease.

The statement was made to encourage everyone to continue the work of vaccinating members of the community.

Dr. Yingling requested a breakdown of who is replacing the responsibilities in epidemiology.

Dr. Kilkenny provided an overview that CHHD epidemiology and regional epidemiology work closely together. The Regional Epidemiologist handles most of the reports. Bryce Parker has assumed the Regional Epidemiologist position and will have a two-month report to present at the June meeting. We do see shifts in the need for epidemiology in our health department. Monitoring the standard diseases is important and will be continued. We will also continue to track and investigate outbreaks. We want the capacity to dig deeper into other data and be more active in addressing the diseases in our community. We anticipate having a much more robust epidemiology department and having a different set of statistics for other health indicators for our community that are vitally important to public health and are upstream interventions.

Tim Hazelett stated when we started the pandemic outbreak and built the healthcare system team, we started seeing the impact we could have in the system, particularly the data. We plan to utilize the CDC Wonder Data with our epidemiology expansion. The candidate who has accepted the epidemiology position has the capacity to dive into public health data sets internationally to give us a better sense of where we are on a global platform.

Nursing:

Kathleen Napier presented the Nursing report, which includes the clinical and Harm Reduction Program. Additional clinical services are slowly opening as the COVID-19 case count decreases. We

are working to complete additional testing and screening throughout the week. In the month of April, approximately 18,000 individuals were vaccinated at the COVID-19 Vaccine Center. We continue to reach approximately 400 new individuals each week. Our outreach coordinator has been very successful in conducting vaccine outreach events. We are planning to scale down our vaccination response by moving the COVID-19 Vaccine Center to a smaller site in June. Extensive training to prepare for transitioning back into the clinical setting will be scheduled and conducted at the end of June.

Dr. Yingling inquired on tracking the treatment program referrals in the Harm Reduction Program. Referral tracking will resume upon the new fiscal year.

Administrative Services:

Elizabeth Adkins presented the Administrative Services report, which includes Administration, Public Information, Prevention Programs and Threat Preparedness.

Jozlend Tucker was introduced as an undergraduate who will be completing her Marshall University Health Science Program capstone with us. Administrative staff were highlighted and commended in their roles, specifically their COVID-19 response roles.

Financial Report:

Jack Mease presented the April 2021 financial report. A motion to approve the April 2021 invoices and receipts was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Konrad and approved.

Health Officer:

Dr. Michael Kilkenny presented the Health Officer report.

Board education and professional opportunities are available through NACCHO.

COVID-19 vaccination efforts continue to be successful. The first full week of 12+ age eligibility nearly 1,000 individuals were vaccinated. We expect to be busy through June. Dr. Kilkenny announced he was a participant in a briefing with the White House Director of Immunizations. It is important for us to recognize the phases of this vaccination effort. These are expected, anticipated and natural phases. We would anticipate having large public clinics, which we have done. We are continuing to conduct those clinics though they are winding down. We are supplementing that with smaller outreach efforts, which is a Phase 2 expected response. Then another uptick occurs when back to school comes. Children will get vaccinated along with their school vaccinations.

Elizabeth Adkins presented the It's My Shot vaccination campaign which launched May 21st. It is a three-month campaign that includes print media, billboards, social media, All Over Media, tv ads and video. The campaign's goal is to relate to individuals who are struggling with getting the COVID-19 vaccine and to overcome that hesitancy. Resources are available on our website. There is also a meter on the website to track any increase in vaccinations during the campaign. This is an exciting community effort on creating the videos. Dr. Kilkenny stated we worked hard to make sure it augments instead of repeating other messages. All of the messaging together speaks to people to get the vaccine and are key to dropping the case counts.

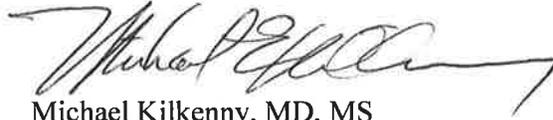
Mr. Sweeney inquired on the COVID-19 boost dose in regard to our efforts to conduct mass vaccination clinics or refer to primary physician offices. We will be flexible in our planning. If a boost dose was recommended in a very short period of time, it would be likely that a large community vaccine center would be opened. If it is not recommended until next year, we would assess the capacity across all avenues and plan accordingly. If the vaccine was available everywhere, we would not need to reactivate our vaccine center.

A motion to approve all departmental reports as written and presented was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh and approved.

The May 2021 Board of Health meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Physician Director, Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Approved:



Kevin Yingling, Chair
Cabell-Huntington Board of Health