

CABELL-HUNTINGTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Board of Health Regular Meeting – July 27, 2022

Board Members Present:

Daniel Konrad
Danny Porter
Eduardo Pino, MD, FAAP

Board Members Present through ZOOM:

Donna Rumbaugh

Board Members Absent:

Fred Kitchen
Robert Sweeney

Staff Members Present:

Michael E. Kilkenny, Chief Executive Officer/Health Officer
Tim Hazelett, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Abir Rahman, Director of Epidemiology
Kathleen Napier, Director of Nursing
Laura Powell, Administrative Services Office Assistant
Rodney Melton, Director of Environmental Services
Allen Woodrum, Director of Information Technology
Mikaela Earl, Regional Epidemiologist
Jack Mease, Chief Financial Officer
Elizabeth Adkins, Administrative Services Manager

Visitors:

Sarah Ingram, Herald Dispatch

Mr. Konrad called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

A motion to approve the July 27, 2022 Board of Health Agenda as written was made by Mr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Pino and approved.

Approval of Board of Health Minutes

A motion to approve the June 22, 2022, Board of Health minutes as written was made by Mr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Pino and approved.

Cabell-Huntington Health Departmental Reports:

Chief Operating Officer:

Tim Hazelett presented the Chief Operating Officer report. CHHD has submitted two COVID-19 Testing Projects to FEMA, for the time period of March 2, 2020 – June 20, 2022 and July 2, 2022 – December 2022. Both projects are pending FEMA approval. In June 2022, the COVID Community Testing Model was adapted and transitioned to West Virginia RADx-UP, effective July 1, 2022. Collection of data and information for the Community Health Assessment (CHA) has begun and is expected to be completed by December 31, 2022.

The Board of Health was requested to review and approve the updated Cabell-Huntington Health Department Organization Chart. A motion to approve the updated CHHD Organization Chart as presented was made by Mr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Pino and approved.

Administrative Services:

Elizabeth Adkins presented the Administrative Services report, which includes Administration, Public Information, Prevention Programs and Threat Preparedness. Kathleen Napier was recognized for 25 years of service. The agency is developing a Vehicle Policy to provide protocols for use of the agency vehicles and ensure staff safety. Over 1400 individuals were trained for Food Handlers in FY2022. A Tri-State Prevention Coordinator has been hired; this position is funded through the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington. The position will establish and strengthen a regional infrastructure to address population health priorities associated with substance use and tobacco use in the tri-state region to include Ashland-Boyd and Lawrence County Health Departments in Kentucky, Cabell-Huntington and Wayne County Health Departments in West Virginia and Lawrence County Health Department in Ohio. Interviews for the Public Information Officer position have been conducted and an offer has been made.

Threat Preparedness – The TV ad/commercials and billboard ad were presented. Data is being collected to analyze how effective the ads were in increasing MRC volunteer membership.

Epidemiology:

Dr. Rahman presented the Epidemiology report, which included case numbers for reportable diseases, graphs for diseases that had at least one case over any of the focused time periods, trainings, outreach, and meetings attended in June. COVID-19 community levels and indicators remained at high risk levels for Cabell County throughout the month of June 2022. An increase in outbreaks was also noted compared to the previous month. Multiple tools were demonstrated and explained that are utilized by the EPI team to assess and monitor the COVID-19 situation. The following tools were presented and discussed: Wastewater Surveillance, CDC Nowcast, Graph produced by utilizing community level indicators that includes cases per 100k, new COVID-19 hospital admissions/100k, and percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in the last 7 days.

Reportable Disease tracking showed an increase in case numbers for two diseases and decrease in six diseases when comparing the month of June 2022 to June 2021. Calendar Year (CY) 2022 compared to CY2021 data showed an increase in case numbers for five diseases and a decrease in eight diseases.

Nursing:

Kathleen Napier presented the Nursing report, which includes the clinical and Harm Reduction Program. COVID-19 case investigations increased in the month of June 2022. The clinic is preparing for back-to-school immunizations in the months of July and August.

Regional Epidemiology Report

Mikaela Earl presented the Regional Epidemiology report, which included regional epidemiological trainings and meetings held in the past month, field and partner education, and disease investigation and surveillance undertaken. In the month of June, Mikaela completed several on-site iCAR visits to long-term care facilities, attended the APIC and CSTE conferences, and participated in regional epidemiology trainings. The total number of investigations in the Western Surveillance Region entered into the West Virginia Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WVEDSS) for June 2022 was presented. All cases were reviewed by the Regional Epidemiologist for accuracy and compliance of reporting for CDC's surveillance indicators. Cabell county experienced a 106% increase in COVID-19 investigations in the Cabell County jurisdiction. Though the daily number of investigations created

in Chexout for Cabell County peaked at 107 in the first week of June, the data showed an average of 0.2208 less investigations each day over the month. 203 COVID-19 Outbreaks have been opened between March 2020 and June 2022. Eleven outbreaks, predominantly in residential and nursing homes were opened in the month of June.

Environmental Health:

Rodney Melton presented the Environmental Services report. The mosquito and tick surveillance program will be beginning soon. The two Sanitarians In-Training will begin state training in August. During the month of June, four needle complaints were received and twenty syringes were collected.

Financial Report:

Jack Mease presented the June 2022 financial reports.

A motion to approve the June 2022 invoices and receipts was made by Mr. Porter seconded by Dr. Pino and approved.

A motion to approve all departmental reports as submitted was made by Mr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Pino and approved.

CEO and Health Officer:

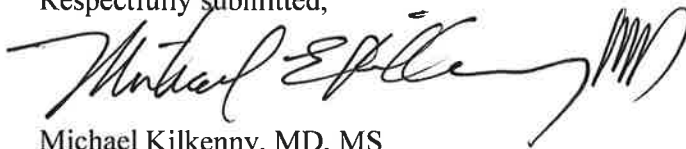
Dr. Michael Kilkenny presented the CEO and Health Officer report. Dr. Kilkenny attended the NACCHO Annual meeting as the Vice-Chair. ^{President 9/30/22 MK} During the annual meeting the report on the mental health of public health workers was reviewed. In comparison to last year's report, this year has slightly improved, though half of the public health employees still report symptoms of mental health disorders. The Cabell-Huntington Health Department has been supportive of their employees. CHHD Leadership team is focusing to enhance the physical, spiritual, and mental health opportunities for the employees by working on a Resiliency Plan and will be prepared to present it at the next board meeting.

The Cabell-Huntington Health Department is prepared and ready to assist the healthcare system with Monkeypox.

The July 2022 Board of Health meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Kilkenny, MD, MS
CEO & Health Officer, Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Approved:



Daniel Konrad, Chair
Cabell-Huntington Board of Health

