

Regular Board of Health Minutes April 12, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 8:30 am at the County Board Room at the Administrative Center on Monday, March 8, 2021 by Vice Chairperson Linda Teske.

Members present were Kathy Janosky, Julie Janicsek, Cindy Kinnard, Milt Swagel, Julie Thoreson, Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr., and Virginia Haske.

Members excused: Kim Kroll

Members unexcused: None.

Public present were: None.

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Milt Swagel to approve the April 12, 2021 agenda as mailed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by Jeff Vollenweider, Sr. to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting. The motion carried.

Citizen input: None

COVID-19 update was given by Cindy. As of this morning, April 12, 2021 the County has 2,588 positive cases with 23 cases currently active. 35 deaths to date. Active case counts have been on the rise for the past two weeks and is now three times what it was two weeks ago. There continues to be an increase in younger children who are COVID positive and this may be related to not being vaccinated, attending school, sports and get together of this age group.

The County has vaccinated 3,259 people with their first dose, 2396 people have completed their second doses with a total of 5,655 doses administered by the Health Department. 70% of the 65+ population in our County have at least received one dose of the vaccine. Vaccination efforts continue on all eligible populations. Many businesses have been offered vaccine on site and we will continue this effort. The statewide masking mandate was overturned. We have issued a Public Health Masking Advisory in its place. We continue to encourage schools to follow their masking policies through the remainder of the year. A discussion followed on why numbers may be on the rise within schools.

March monthly report was shared to the board members by Cindy. She indicated that WIC averages remain the same. Immunization for the month of February were primarily COVID-19 vaccinations. Communicable Diseases remained high again this month and were primarily COVID-19 cases.

Jessica DePas came in to report on the PALS program and efforts to have this program restart by June. The program focuses on seniors, changes in lifestyles, and safe exercising. Jessica DePas is approved to lead this program.

Cindy indicated that she will present the 2020 Annual Report at the May meeting. This is a statutory requirement for all public health departments. She also indicated the agency is working on plans to support summer school efforts within our public and parochial schools. Finally, the healthy department will be hosting two summer interns who will focus their time on completing the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.

Cindy discussed the February, 2021 financial report as well as the 2020 Year End Financial report. We will continue to spend COVID-19 and other grant monies first before County tax levy monies are spent.

Travel requests: None.

Overtime to report. Cindy advised that contact tracers are working limited hours on Saturdays. The Public Health staff have minimal overtime hours due to vaccination clinics at the Expo Center.

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Other items as authorized by law: none

A motion was made by Kathy Janosky, and seconded by Virginia Haske to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Kinnard

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 12, 2021

KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Linda Teske.

Roll Call:

Members present were Vice Chairperson Linda Teske, Virginia Haske, Milt Swagel, Jeffrey Vollenweider, and CVSO Rob Stearns and County Board Chairperson Dan Olson. Chairperson Kim Kroll was excused.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Jeff Vollenweider to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the March 8, 2021 minutes. The motion carried.

Department Operations:

CVSO Stearns reviewed the monthly reports.

Regional CVSOs met with Congressman Gallagher's office this last month. The VA previously made a decision to defer all copays from April 2020 to September 2021, which they have now amended to state that all copays will be waived for that period of time. Any copays paid by veterans will be reimbursed.

VA vaccines are not reported to the state, since they are a federal entity they are reported straight to the CDC. All veterans are currently available for the vaccine, and caregivers will be eligible shortly.

Travel Notifications:

None

Overtime:

None

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

None

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Kewaunee County Board Room.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeffrey Vollenweider and seconded by Milt Swagel. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara LaCrosse".

Tara LaCrosse
Recording Secretary