

Regular Board of Health Minutes

Amended February 8, 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, February 8, 2021 by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

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

Members excused: None.

Members unexcused: None.

Public present were: None.

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr. to approve the February 8, 2021 agenda as mailed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Milton Swagel and seconded by Kathy Janosky to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 as mailed. The motion carried.

Citizen input: None

COVID-19 update was given by Cindy. As of Friday, February 5, 2021 the County has 2,489 positive cases with 42 cases currently active. 2,413 cases have been cleared, one hospitalization and 34 deaths to date. Over the last two weeks there has been a decrease in active cases, originally handling 75-110 cases per month and now down to about 40 cases. We have seen an increase in the younger population being positive. Cindy indicated that she contributes the increase in younger positive cases due to multiple cases within households and sport teams becoming quarantined. Kewaunee County schools have done an exceptional job at keeping the students in school and following the masking and social distancing guidelines.

Right now our focus is on vaccination and have completed 780 people with their first dose and 240 people completed their second dose. This week we will be administering 150 second doses and 175 first doses. We had prepared to vaccinate 500 people per week but have only received 200 doses and then the following week only received 100 doses which has caused the waiting list to continue. We will continue to administer to 65+ population but the IRIS / Family Care population which is in home care has also opened up to vaccinations. Tiers keep opening for new groups but still have not completed EMT/Fire and Police. We continue to hold our vaccination clinics at the Expo Hall, Luxemburg Fairgrounds which allows us to social distance, with specific spots to register, fill out paperwork, administer the vaccine and then monitoring of all individuals for a minimum of 15 minutes with EMS assistance. There has been a great group of volunteers that come each week to assist with social distancing and sanitizing as people come through and Cindy would specifically like to thank Julie Thoreson for her assistance. At

this point when the tier opens to teachers and support staff we are thinking the best place would continue to be the Expo Hall, Luxemburg Fairgrounds since we have everything already set up.

Cindy asked for feedback from the Board concerning Governor Evers emergency masking mandate if overturned. Would the County create a mandate, or recommend to have an advisory at such time as there is no longer an Emergency Order. Discussion took place and there was motion made by Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr. with a second by Julie Thoreson, that the Kewaunee County Public Health Department put an advisory for high risk groups to wear a mask, this advisory would only be done if the State Mandate were to be overturned. Six members voted yes with Milton Swagel being the only no, motion passed.

January monthly report was shared to the Board Members by Cindy. She indicated that WIC numbers fell a little in January. Immunization for the month of January were primarily COVID-19 vaccinations. Communicable Diseases remained high again this month and were primarily COVID-19 cases and 10 being STDs. Probable cases under Communicable Diseases, indicate individuals in a household where one party is COVID-19 positive but another family member is negative but is showing all symptoms.

The PALS Program is **run** through a grant by the University of Wisconsin system and is on hold right now due to COVID-19. We have continued outreach with the Get Healthy Kewaunee County initiative with monthly meetings and currently there is a Healthy Bingo circulating with prizes. Jessica DePas continues to send out healthy information about diet and exercise to County employees weekly.

Cindy distributed and discussed the December financial report indicating that grant funding has been spent 99-100%. Public Health-tax levy dollars of \$32,769 will be returned to the general fund along with another \$5,000 from the County Immunization-tax levy dollars. This is due to the COVID-19/CARES funding received during the year. Grants for Communicable Disease, Lead, Maternal and Child Health, and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs have been spent down in their entirety. Bioterrorism currently has 30% left due to the fact that this grant goes from July to June every year. Several of the COVID-19/CARES funding grants ended in December 2020 with two continuing into 2021. Expenses were submitted to recoup monies that were spent. Women, Infant and Children's grant was not spent in its entirety due to services being halted in 2020 thereby only spending 93% of the grant.

Travel requests: None.

Overtime to report. Cindy advised that current COVID positive cases have gone down and 1-2 contract tracers are currently working on Saturdays with Sydney Hellsten, contract tracer working most Saturdays for a total of 2-3 hours per weekend. Currently the Public Health Staff are not working Saturday hours, Aly Martin and Deanne Schultz do have some overtime due to

COVID-19 vaccinations running into the evening for fire and police departments. All overtime is being paid through CARES funding. A question was asked regarding the extra hours worked in 2020 by Cindy and the staff. Cindy indicated all overtime for the staff in 2020 was paid through CARES. Cindy did not receive additional compensation for hours worked outside of the regular work week. Jeff Vollenweider and Chairman Olson asked for a copy of the additional hours worked that were not compensated. Cindy indicated the Excel spreadsheet would be provided.

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

Other items as authorized by law: None.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr. and seconded by Kathy Janosky to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Schultz