

Regular Board of Health Minutes January 4, 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, January 4, 2021 by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

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

Members excused: None.

Members unexcused: None.

Public present were: None.

A motion was made by Julie Thoreson and seconded by Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr. to approve the January 4, 2021 agenda as mailed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by Kathy Janosky to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 with the correction of Virginia Haske attending via Zoom and removing her as "Member unexcused". The motion carried.

Citizen input: None

COVID-19 update was given by Cindy. As of Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8 am the County was at 2,164 positive cases; with 81 active cases. There was another death over the weekend, to bring the total for Kewaunee County to 32 deaths and we have 2,051 people recovered. The two nursing homes in the County will have had their residents and employees vaccinated by the end of the week through the Pharmacy Program. There have been some issues with our contract which was sent in on November 20, 2020 and we have had a phone call and several emails concerning the same question. Cindy has reached out to the State with several individuals over the weekend and the Head of the COVID vaccine program and it was confirmed that there is a glitch in their IT Department and hope to have issues resolved and the anticipated arrival of vaccine soon. Once vaccine is shipped there are Tiers that need to be followed set by the State with 1A being EMT, funeral home staff and any CBRF resident and staff that have not received their vaccines. 1B being essential works including fire, police and teachers and 1C being the seniors, individuals with chronic health issues/immune compromised etc. We have started a list of elderly individuals and/or chronic health conditions in the County to be contacted when vaccine is available. We do not have a registry set up due to the fact that we are not sure when our vaccine will be arriving. Careful consideration needs to be done when opening the vials of the COVID-19 vaccine and making sure that every dose is utilized. There will be a planning meeting scheduled with Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Department later this week. Confirmation/questions still needed from the State range from

“Can we vaccinate someone from out of the County, if they have a job in Kewaunee County?”,
“Can we transport vaccine to another site to administer? Cold chain break? There is still a lot of questions to be answered. Cindy verified that if the Moderna vaccine is received the doses need to be 28 days apart. The Public Health Department continues to oversee all contract tracing with the school districts both public and parochial for Kewaunee County and that includes all sports.

Cindy provided a Grant up date since the last meeting. ELC Cares funding that was awarded in the amount of \$305,000 and went until November 30, 2022 has been changed by the State. They have awarded \$145,000 for six months (January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021) and reimburse us as bills are submitted and will re-evaluate grant monies to be allocated on July 1, 2021 depending upon contract tracing needs and the distribution of the vaccine.

December monthly report was shared to the Board Members by Cindy. She indicated that WIC numbers are as follows: 207 for 12-month average, December initial 205 and November final was 203. We have maintained a 95% contracted caseload to guarantee grant funding. Immunization numbers were low for the month of December which is normal for this time of year. Communicable Diseases remained high again this month and were primarily COVID-19 cases.

Cindy advised that donations of approximately \$2,000 were received for the Giving Tree Program in memory of Sara Malay. The donated items and the \$2,000 will be divided among the three pantries in Kewaunee County this week. We still have about 100 doses of children’s flu which is free to anyone 6 months to 18 years of age and we still have 9 adult flu vaccines left at a cost of \$30.00 each or we can bill Medicare Part B, UnitedHealthcare or Humana Health Insurance. There has been a slow start to the influenza season in the State of Wisconsin and numbers remain low in the region. Cindy advised that our foot care nurse, Lisa Taylor will continue with clinics twice per month in 2021.

Cindy distributed and discussed the November financial report indicating that the grants have been spent down with the exception of the Women, Infant and Children’s grant which has been spent down at the end of December 31st. County funding left will be returned to the general fund since a larger amount of grant funding was used due to COVID 19.

Travel requests: None.

Overtime to report. Cindy advised that any overtime has been covered by the Contract Tracing Grant that went through December 31, 2020. Overtime averages about 4 hours per week for the contact tracer that is on call on Saturday mornings.

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 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 8:55 am. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Schultz

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 4, 2021

KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of December Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes. The motion carried.

Department Operations:

CVSO Stearns reviewed the monthly reports. The office has been assisting veterans and family members from neighboring counties because other county offices are still close due to COVID and some want to be seen in person, not over the phone.

Compensation exams are experiencing a lag because the 3 contractors (LHI, QTC and VES) are still operating under COVID restrictions. VA medical just started to slowly make non-emergent appointments, they are utilizing Optum Health and Telehealth to get more veterans seen.

VA will be providing COVID vaccinations with the same priorities as the public sector. The Committee is wondering if our veterans can be labeled as veterans to obtain the vaccination thru the VA vs using the county supplies, so our supplies can then be used for others. CVSO Stearns will follow-up.

NDAAs 2021 has passed. This was an override of the President's veto. This added Parkinsonism, Bladder Cancer and Hypothyroidism to the Agent Orange list. The office will be running reports to find veterans and widows that may be affected by this decision. On December 17, the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims ordered the VA to re-examine radiation exposure at the Spanish Courtside.

CVSO Stearns handed out the new welcome pack for veterans from the VA. It is an overview on what the VA offers for veterans and the process required. He will be going over a topic each month for the committee. He went over the process of soldiers being discharged and why so many of them are not aware of their benefits. Wisconsin is lucky to have a CVSO in every county to assist our veterans and their families. Other states, like Washington, do not, and they have to wait months to be seen at the VA Regional Offices to discuss their benefits.

Travel Notifications:

None

Overtime:

None

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

CVSO Stearns informed the committee how many departments of the County got together to assist a veteran before he lost his house due to overdue property taxes. He was impressed how the Sheriff, Treasurer and Corp. Counsel were all involved to make sure all avenues were looked into before seizing the property. Action was taken by the Kewaunee County Veterans Commissioners to assist the veteran.

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 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 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara LaCrosse
Recording Secretary