

Cass County Health Department

BOARD OF HEALTH

February 24, 2021

The Cass County Board of Health met via conference call on February 24, 2021. President Amy Parlier called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Board of Health members present were Amy Parlier, Mekelle Neathery Ron Aggertt, Jennifer Allen, Joyce Brannan, Hollie Reid, Kim Hance, and Cathy Gibson.

Health Department employees present were Teresa Armstrong, Tiffany Angelo, Andrew English, Dirk Debergh, Franci Sweetin and Linda Debergh. Robyn McKinley was present to take minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Hollie Reid and seconded by Kim Hance to approve the minutes of the January meeting as present. The motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Financial Report

Dirk Debergh, Financial Director, reported there was a slight decrease in the checking account which is normal this time of year as there are 3 payroll periods in January.

Dirk reported that the original plan for the 36 month CD at Havana National Bank did not work out. Dirk spoke with West Central Bank, Petefish Skiles Company Bank and First National Bank of Arenzville and they will do a \$1 Million 36 month CD at the rates that were originally given.

The group discussed doing 2 CD's at West Central Bank. Amy suggested doing a \$500,000 CD for 24 months and another \$500,000 CD for 36 months. The group agreed that they would move \$1 Million from Petefish. This plan will be discussed under New Business.

Administrator's Report

Teresa Armstrong, Administrator, reported that to date, Cass County has 1,878 positive cases of Covid-19, with 32 fatalities and 1,832 individuals recovered. Teresa also noted that Cass County now has 15,378.28 cases per 100,000 people, which remains the highest county per capita average in the State of Illinois. Cass County remains "in the blue" on the state map, with only one metric continuing to be high (new cases per 100,000). Teresa noted that our region remains in Phase 4, which allows for gathering of up to 50 people.

Teresa reported that as of February 22, 2021 our State of Illinois numbers stand at 1,175,655 cases and 20,303 deaths, with a 98% recovery rate.

Teresa reported that she continues to meet with Cass County emergency services personnel weekly, which consists of fire/ambulance/police/911/ESDA/County Board Chair, attend County Board meetings, and attend numerous meetings each week with IDPH.

Teresa reported that CCHD has administered 3,260 doses of Covid-19 vaccine, with 710 people fully vaccinated, which is 5.79% of our population. Teresa stated that the State of Illinois is at 4.48% of the population completely vaccinated. Teresa added that to date we have not had to waste any doses of vaccine.

Teresa reported that we are still working to vaccinate people in Phase 1B, which is identified as front-line essential workers and anyone 65 years and older. These workers are identified as first responders, corrections officers/inmates, food and agriculture workers, postal service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, education (teachers, day care workers, principals, and student support), and shelters/adult day care.

Teresa reported that the State of Illinois added a Phase 1B-II, which is anyone age 16-64 with chronic health conditions including: Obesity, Diabetics, Pulmonary Diseases, Smoking, Heart Conditions, Chronic Kidney Disease, Cancer, an Immunocompromised State from a Solid Organ Transplant, Sickle Cell Disease, Pregnancy, and Persons with Disability.

Teresa reported that we have been utilizing the Catholic Halls in Virginia and Beardstown and will be using the St. John's Lutheran Church gym in Beardstown as well. Teresa noted that on February 12th, we were on-site at JBS to vaccinate their staff and with the assistance of JBS nurses and staff and some nursing staff from Springfield Clinic, we vaccinated around 700 employees that day. Teresa added we will be returning on March 5th for their second doses.

Teresa reported that we will be receiving a grant from IDPH for mass vaccinations for \$140,000. As Teresa stated at last month's meeting, our rough estimate is it will cost us over \$200,000 to vaccinate the county if 80% of the population is vaccinated. Teresa stated we are billing an administrative fee to insurances, and to the federal government if the patient is uninsured.

Teresa reported that testing continues Monday through Friday and are currently offering that on alternating days in Virginia and Beardstown.

Teresa reported that we are looking at possibly subcontracting with IPHCA to provide Pandemic Navigator Program services to Cass, Schuyler, and Brown counties. Teresa stated this grant would allow us to have staff who work on equity planning/outreach efforts and assist residents effected by covid with transportation, food insecurity, rent and utility assistance.

Teresa reported that we have contracted with Pike County Health Department to provide them with LEHP (Licensed Environmental Health Practitioners) services. Teresa noted that Franci Sweetin is now full time and will be spending approximately 2 days/week working for Pike County.

See handout.

Tiffany Angelo

Tiffany Angelo, Clinic Director, reported that Teegan Lund continues to expand her case load with patients. Tiffany noted that Teegan is now spending half a day a week in the Chandlerville School and half a day a week in the Virginia School to meet the needs of their students.

Tiffany reported that Angie continues to work with Care Optimize to get the information correct and in Nextgen. Angie is currently working on data validation and noting that reports are pulling patients they should not be such as dental only patients and those who do not meet the criteria of the report.

Tiffany reported that for the month of January we reported on 8 QA measures. Those measures include Cervical Cancer Screening; Colorectal Cancer Screening; Breast Cancer Screening; Newly Diagnose HIV Patients; HIV Screening; Prenatal Health (patient being seen during the 1st trimester); Perinatal Infant Birth Weight; Closing the Referral Loop. Tiffany noted that of those 8 measures 4 of the measures were higher than last reporting period or stayed the same and 4 of the measures were lower than last reporting period.

Tiffany reported that we continue to offer Covid testing in both offices. Testing has decreased based on the number of tests we have been doing. Tiffany noted that to date we have completed 4,593 tests in Beardstown with 1,106 positives and 1,457 in Virginia with 267 positives.

Tiffany reported that Delaney and Elsy have been busy doing food distributions and continuing to distribute Covid care packages to those in need. Tiffany noted that the food distributions that Delaney and Elsy have been doing recently are sponsored by DOT Foods but they do continue to help with the Cass County Food Pantry as well.

See hanout.

Andrew English

Andrew English, Health Education Director, reported that Cass County has weathered the storm of a huge surge in Covid cases while rolling out mass vaccination plans for the community which continues to force us to put most other health education initiatives on the back burner.

See handout.

Environmental Health Report

Franci Sweetin, Environmental Health Director, reported that she continues to do normal food establishment inspections.

See handout.

Quality Assurance Report

Linda Debergh, Quality Assurance Nurse, reported that there were no changes to the Environmental Health Policies and Teen Reach that have not previously been approved.

See handout.

Old Business

No old business to report at this time.

New Business

A motion was made by Hollie Reid and seconded by Joyce Brannan to approve the Privileging and Credentialing for Teegan Lund. A motion was carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Hollie Reid and seconded by Cathy Gibson to approve the Environmental Health policies and procedures. A motion was carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Hollie Reid and seconded by Ron Aggertt to approve the Teen Reach policies and procedures. A motion was carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Hollie Reid and seconded by Kim Hance to approve the UDS Report. A motion was carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Hollie Reid and seconded by Kim Hance to approve moving \$1 Million from Petefish Bank to West Central Bank and will be split into 2 CD's with one being \$500,000 for 24 months at 0.50% and the other being \$500,000 for 36 months at 0.65%. A motion carried with all in favor. Ron Aggertt abstained from this vote.

Executive Session

Executive session was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ron Aggertt and seconded by Jennifer Allen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. President Amy Parlier adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn McKinley, Admin. Asst.