

Cass County Health Department

BOARD OF HEALTH

July 28, 2021

The Cass County Board of Health met at the Virginia office of the Cass County Health Department on July 28th, 2021. President Amy Parlier called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Board of Health members present were Amy Parlier, Mekelle Neathery, Jennifer Allen, Cathy Gibson, Joyce Brannan, Kim Hance and Ann Chelette.

Health Department employees present were Teresa Armstrong, Dirk Debergh, Tiffany Angelo, Shelly Taylor, Nicole Roegge and Krystal Myers. Robyn McKinley was present to take minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jennifer Allen and seconded by Mekelle Neathery to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Ann Chelette and seconded by Mekelle Neathery to approve the minutes from special board meeting held on June 30th. The motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Financial Report

Dirk Debergh, Financial Director, reported that over all, all programs are in good standing. Dirk noted that Home Health and Hospice is in the black this month.

Dirk reported that on the detailed revenue report under program income, the \$3,250 is rent to the clinic for the space used by the Public Health Navigators.

Dirk reported that on the detailed expense report, dental shows a credit as they returned some dental equipment so that was applied as a credit.

Dirk will be providing CD interest rates quarterly for the finance committee to review.

Administrator's Report

Teresa Armstrong, Administrator, reported that to date, Cass County has 2,104 positive cases of Covid-19, with 37 fatalities and 2,054 individuals recovered. Teresa also noted that Cass County now has 17,279.99 cases per 100,000 people, which remains the highest county per capita average in the State of Illinois. Cass County has experienced an increase in cases over the past month. Our test positivity 7-day rolling average is currently 4.3%, with the region at 5.9%. The State of Illinois is seeing a 50% increase in cases week over week.

Teresa reported that as of July 26, 2021 our State of Illinois numbers stand at 1,411,821 cases and 23,409 deaths.

Teresa reported that CCHD has administered over 9,800 doses of Covid-19 vaccine, to Cass County residents and others employed in the county and surrounding area. Teresa noted that we

now have over 44.14% of our population fully vaccinated. Teresa stated that the State of Illinois is at 50.42% of the population fully vaccinated. The Illinois 65 and older population is 79.39% fully vaccinated, those 18 and older are 60.18% fully vaccinated, and those 12 and older are 57.92% fully vaccinated.

Teresa reported that we continue to offer clinics weekly in Beardstown and Virginia as well as pop-up clinics throughout the county. Teresa noted that the pop-up clinics seem to be getting more traffic. These clinics do not require an appointment. Testing also continues four days a week, and currently offering in Virginia and Beardstown on alternating days.

Upcoming pop-up clinics include all three school districts school registrations, as well as “Meet the Teacher” nights and Orange Pride Night in Beardstown.

Teresa reported that we have re-started our Emergency Group meetings, which were held July 12th and July 19th. Due to low attendance, we have scheduled our next meeting for August 16th.

Teresa reported that she continues to attend numerous IDPH meetings and we should have an updated FAQ regarding School Guidance this week. Teresa has met with all three school districts to discuss their back to school plans.

Teresa reported in other news that our FTCA application has been approved by HRSA and our HRSA Capital Grant is still under review.

Teresa has been busy preparing the budget, which will be reviewed under New Business. Teresa will also be presenting our budget to the County Board on Friday.

See handout.

Tiffany Angelo

Tiffany Angelo, Clinic Director, reported that we have hired a full time LCPC, Nora Bishop. Nora comes with 16 years of experience. Once Nora is trained she will be working out of both offices.

Tiffany reported we have discussed options on expanding our behavioral health services in the schools since have expanded staffing. Virginia will start out the year utilizing the Behavioral Health services one day per week, A-C Central will be increasing services as well but they have not decided on how many days at this point and we are waiting to hear what Beardstown is going to move forward with.

Tiffany reported we continue to offer Covid testing in both offices. As the need for testing has decreased, we continue to decrease hours of testing based on the need we are seeing in the community. To date we have completed 5,186 tests in Beardstown with 1,172 positives and 2,145 in Virginia with 338 positives.

Tiffany reported we have received renewal of both of our SUPR (substance use prevention and recovery) licenses for each office. All the needed information for our scheduled site visit which will be taking place the end of this month has been submitted. Tiffany noted that our MAR program continues to do well. Currently we have 11 patients in the program.

Tiffany reported that we have started the process of moving our Nextgen support from Itentive to Nextgen directly. Staff has been busy attending numerous meetings as well as getting them needed information for the cross over. Tiffany noted that we have started the process of looking at and gathering information for Nextgen Analytics which is the software that will help pull and analyze our quality data for the health clinic.

Tiffany reported that SIU has let us know that Dr. Dobbins has taken on a different role within the organization and will no longer be available to provide tele psych services for us. Tiffany has been busy meeting with several different companies to see what our options will be for psychiatry in the future.

Tiffany reported that our outreach team continues to attend and plan different outreach opportunities. With August right around the corner, this is the busiest time of year for our outreach team. The team has been busy attending festivals, community events and now planning for their biggest week, National Health Center Week.

Tiffany reported that in June we completed approximately 25 community based requests. These requests continued to center around food assistance, income assistance and vaccine coordination.

Tiffany reported we have also hosted two Q&A sessions to both Spanish and French speaking community leaders, using our new form of communication, WhatsApp. Tiffany noted that we have learned this is the preferred method of communication amongst non-English speakers.

Tiffany reported for the month of June we reported on 11 measures. Of those 11 measures we met or exceeded our goal on 4 measures. The 7 measures that were not met were Screening for Depression and Follow Up Plan; Depression Remission at 12 months; Ischemic Vascular Disease; Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease; Diabetes; Latino Diabetics.

Screening and Depression and Follow Up Plan: Staff will be discussing with front desk staff as well as the nursing staff the importance of paying attention to the alerts.

Depression Remission at 12 months: Alerts have been placed on the charts that a PHQ was not rechecked and also placed on the charts that still have a PHQ scoring of 5 or above. Ischemic Vascular Disease: the 3 patients that were false have all been reviewed with providers.

Statin Therapy for the Prevention & Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease: Alerts have been placed on the patients' charts that are in need of statin therapy.

Dental reported on 2 measures this month: Sealant Retention and Sealant to First Molars.

Dental Sealant Retention: 9 sealants were assessed at the 12-14 month follow up and 9 sealants were intact which was at 100% compliance.

Sealants to First Molars: 86% of patients had sealants placed. Those that did not have sealants placed had a reason charted.

See handout.

Home Services

Shelly Taylor, Home Services Director, reported that our Medicare home health unduplicated census count at the end of June was 92 compared to last year at 72. Our total unduplicated census for all payer sources at the end of June was 202 compared to last year at 191.

Shelly reported that in April we had 26 admissions, 35 in May and 29 in June. Of those 90 admissions in the last 3 months, 45 were Medicare, 6 were Medicaid, 38 were private insurance and 1 was private pay.

Shelly reported that we had 7 hospice referrals in April with 6 admissions, 11 referrals in May with 10 admissions and 9 referrals in June with 8 admissions. The 3 non-admissions: 1 patient died before admission, 1 died during the admission and the last patient refused and went back to the emergency room.

Shelly reported that we have received \$2,584.25 from Beardstown, \$3,238 from Brown County and \$3,000 from Prairieland United Way.

Shelly reported we continue to look for an Occupational Therapist and Speech Therapist.

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Human Resources

Nicole Roegge, Human Resource Specialist, reported that we are still looking for PRN occupational and speech therapists for the Home Services program. This can be a difficult position to fill since it is PRN and patients vary in amount and location. Other open positions are Community Health Worker/Pandemic Health Navigator Supervisor and a part time dentist.

Nicole reported she currently has one FMLA case and the employee should be returning to work within the next week.

Nicole reported she continues to work on Cyber train program.

Nicole reported we announced our second "Employee of the Quarter" in June, Jennifer French.

Nicole reported she has been busy working on updates to the CCHD Personnel Policies which will be discussed and requested for approval during New Business.

See hanout.

Krystal Myers

Krystal Myers, Quality Assurance Nurse, reported that there were no policy revisions this month.

Krystal reported that hospice measures continue to improve and the hospice surveys had no negative comments. The home health surveys were also very good with no negative comments.

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Old Business

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

New Business

A motion was made by Cathy Gibson and seconded by Jennifer Allen to approve the CCHD Personnel Policies. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Ann Chelette and seconded by Joyce Brannan to approve the Annual budget. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Mekelle Neathery and seconded by Kim Hance to approve the CCHD/CCHC Risk Management training schedule. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Kim Hance and seconded by Ann Chelette to approve the list of approved signers and remove Hollie Reid as authorized signer. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Mekelle Neathery and seconded by Ann Chelette to approve the temporary privileging and credentialing for Nora Bishop. The motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ann Chelette and seconded by Kim Hance to enter Executive Session at 12:54 p.m. to discuss updates on the property.

A motion was made by Cathy Gibson and seconded by Jennifer Allen to exit Executive Session at 1:28 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ann Chelette and seconded by Mekelle Neathery to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. President Amy Parlier adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn McKinley, Admin. Asst.

