

Cass County Health Department

BOARD OF HEALTH

March 30th, 2022

The Cass County Board of Health met at the Virginia office of the Cass County Health Department on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. President Amy Parlier called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

Health Department employees present were Teresa Armstrong, Dirk Debergh, Tiffany Angelo, Krystal Myers, Kim Ruyle and Brandi Hymes. Robyn McKinley was present to take minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Zach Flinn and seconded by Cathy Gibson to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. The motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Financial Report

Dirk Debergh, Financial Director, reported that Public Health Education is about \$7,600 in the red. Part of that is due to us receiving NACCHO Grant which is for Covid and infection control and used to work with long term care facilities. This grant is based on deliverables and not expenditures

Dirk reported that home health and hospice is about \$64,000 in the black. We contract for physical therapy through Passavant, as of today they have not invoiced us for December, January and February and Dirk is anticipating these 3 months should be around \$23,500.

Dirk reported that for the clinic in February we went roughly ten days without a dentist so there was no revenue for that and there were also two weather days in February.

Teresa initiated discussion regarding paying for Beardstown building project. Teresa has looked into Capital funding and our project would qualify but she is unsure when the application would be available.

Dirk went over the cash on hand report with the committee. Amy stated she would rather use some of the cash reserve rather than borrow. Teresa noted that if bids are above \$2.5 million they look into taking out a small loan if necessary. Teresa stated they will discuss this more once bids come in. Zach suggested to Teresa that she consider looking into getting a bond rather than a loan. Zach also mentioned getting in touch with Warren Ribley with WIEDA (Western Illinois Economic Development Authority) to see what resources are available.

Administrator's Report

Teresa Armstrong, Administrator, reported that we continue to see a significant decrease in cases. For the week of 3/12-3/18/22 there were only 3 new cases reported and as of today we have had 2 new cases.

Teresa reported that to date Cass County is 60.04% fully vaccinated with the State of Illinois at 64.23%.

Teresa reported the demand for testing has decreased. Testing is now being provided twice a week. Shield testing is now in place so with that we can test anyone who is needing testing, rather than just those who are symptomatic or contacts.

Teresa reported in other news we have started work on IPLAN (Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs), which is required by IDPH every 5 years.

Teresa reported that continues to work closely with our Project Manager on our Beardstown building project. Teresa noted that part of the land to the East of the building sits outside the Beardstown city limits. Teresa has reached out to the city about having the property annexed into the city.

Teresa reported that we have moved forward with HealthSpace for environmental health programs. The software will be able to be used for our food, water, sewage, tanning, vector and nuisance complaints.

Jennifer Allen asked how everything was going with the Front Street property and Teresa stated that all is going well. There have not been any recent complaints. Teresa noted that future plans for the property is to move our billing department in there, hopefully this summer if all goes as planned.

See handout.

### Clinic Report

Tiffany Angelo, Clinic Director, reported that the Nurse Practitioner who came on site to shadow has accepted the position and is looking at a start date of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Curry is doing much better and will be back in office starting next week.

Tiffany reported that counseling at JBS continues to go well. Teegan has been busy in the schools and we continue to assess the need to increase or adjust her time.

Tiffany reported that we have received Covid test kits and N95 masks to distribute to the community through HRSA. We have been distributing these items at all of our outreach events as well as posted on social media with directions on how the public can get these items for free.

Tiffany reported for the month of February we reported on 6 quality measures. Of those 6 measures we met or exceeded on 5 of them. One measure, immunizations, was lower this reporting period.

Behavioral Health reported on one measure, Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) Assessment for Patient Placement, and they were 100% compliant.

Dental reported on one measure, Carries Risk Assessment, and they were 90% compliant. Staff has been talked to about the importance of completing CRA on all patients between the ages of 6-9.

See handout.

### Public Health

Brandi Hymes, Public Health Services Director, reported we continue to offer our regularly scheduled vaccine clinics on Wednesdays in Beardstown and Thursdays in Virginia. We are also offering pop up clinics in the communities. Brandi noted we are waiting on approval for the second booster which will be for those 50 and over.

See handout.

### Teen Reach

Kim Ruyle, Teen Reach Director, reported that attendance over the last three months has been consistent even through Covid.

Kim reported that community partners have come in and have done projects with the kids which the kids have really enjoyed.

See handout.

### Quality Assurance

Krystal Myers, Quality Assurance Director, reported that the MCH policies and procedures had no changes. Teen Reach policies and procedures has some revisions.

Krystal reported that the patient surveys showed no significant negative findings.

See handout.

### New Business

A motion was made by Ann Chelette and seconded by Jennifer Allen to approve temporary privileging and credentialing for Dr. Tibbs-Hnizdo. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Ann Chelette and seconded by Zach Flinn to approve the Teen Reach policies and procedures. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Cathy Gibson and seconded by Zach Flinn to approve the Maternal Child Health policies and procedures. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Ann Chelette and seconded by Zach Flinn to approve the sliding fee discount. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Cathy Gibson and seconded by Zach Flinn to approve the Covid vaccine policies. The motion carried with all in favor.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Zach Flinn and seconded by Ann Chelette to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. President Amy Parlier adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn McKinley, Admin. Asst.