

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
EXECUTIVE BOARD
May 13, 2020

The virtual meeting of the Executive Board of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) held via AdobeConnect was called to order at 10:02 am in the Robert O. Yoho Executive Board Room of the ISDH building by Brenda Goff, Chair. The following Board members were present for all or part of the virtual meeting:

Naveed Chowhan, MD, FACP, MBA
Blake Dye
Brenda Goff, HFA (Chair)
Martin Hanneman, DDS
Robin Marks, DVM
Joanne Martin, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Holly Robinson, MD
Suellyn Sorensen, PharmD, BCPS
Patricia Spence, PE
Stephen Tharp, MD (Vice Chair)
Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG, Secretary

The following staff members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Eldon Whetstone, Assistant Commissioner, Health and Human Services Commission
Kelly MacKinnon, Director, Office of Legal Affairs

Guests:

Ted Williams, FSSA (hosting AdobeConnect)
Kylie Lentz, FSSA (hosting AdobeConnect)

Call to Order

Brenda Goff, Chair, stated that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. She then asked if Board members had any known conflicts of interest to declare. Hearing none she proceeded with the meeting.

Brenda also recognized Teresa Watson for her efforts at the Executive Board meetings. She was admitted to the hospital on April 5 with several health issues and did not recover. She will be missed. Please keep her family and co-workers in your thoughts.

Minutes

Ms. Goff asked for discussion and/or corrections to the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Executive Board meeting. Hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval. On a motion made by Dr. Robin Marks seconded by Suellyn Sorensen and passed by majority roll call vote, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Box provided a brief update on COVID-19. Currently, there are 409 additional cases in Indiana for a total of 25,473 Hoosiers positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, there were also 38 additional deaths for a total of 1,482 Hoosiers deaths. There are more than 42% of ICU beds and nearly 81% of ventilators available at this time. Currently, 154,083 Hoosiers have been tested. The ISDH has partnered with the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health on a research study to better determine how many Hoosiers have had COVID-19. Indiana has received an allotment of Remdesivir and is quickly working on the distribution plan so it reaches the facilities with the sickest patients.

Health and Human Services Commission

Emergency Adoption of Amendments to the Newborn Screening Rule 410 IAC 3-3 (adding conditions to be screened and increasing fee)

Eldon Whetstone, Assistant Commissioner for Health and Human Services Commission, presented Rule 410 IAC 3-3 Amendments Rule for emergency adoption. The emergency rule will be in effect July 1, 2020. The proposed amendment adds three additional disorders to the newborn and infant screening panel and increases the newborn screening fee to cover the cost of the additional disorders. During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 41, affecting newborn screening. SEA 41 added three new disorders – Krabbe disease, Pompe disease, and Hurler syndromes to the newborn screening panel effective July 1, 2020. In addition, the ISDH is seeking to increase the newborn screening fee to cover the cost associated with the additional disorders. All three conditions can be fatal and are contributors to Indiana's infant mortality rate. With early detection and rapid intervention, newborns with these conditions have a chance for a longer, and higher quality of life. Staff recommends the Board approve the amendments to this rule for emergency adoption.

Ms. Goff asked for comments from the Board, staff and/or public. There was some discussion on false negatives with the added disorders. Hearing no other discussion, she entertained a motion for approval. On a motion made by Suellyn Sorensen, seconded by Dr. Stephen Tharp and passed unanimously by majority roll call vote, the Board approved the amendments to the Newborn Screening Rule 410 IAC 303 for emergency adoption.

Distribution

Ms. Goff thanked the staff for the Professional New Hire and Separation Reports, Summary of Final Orders and Consent Decrees, and Variance Waiver Approvals.

Adjournment

Hearing no additional comments from the Board, staff and/or public, Ms. Goff adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2020.