

**Wayne County  
Board of Health**  
Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Commissioner's and Council Chambers  
401 East Main Street  
Richmond, Indiana

**Board Members Present:** Dr. Paul Rider  
Peter Zaleski  
Robert Coddington

**Board Members Via Telcon/Zoom:** Jeff Butler  
Dr. Jon Igelman  
Sabrina Pennington  
John Lebo (was able to hear, not able to interact)

**Present:** Dr. David Jetmore, MD Health Officer  
Christine Stinson, Executive Director, WCHD  
Ashley McDaniel, Recording Secretary  
Chris Simons, HIV/HVC Program Manager  
Ron Cross, Attorney

**Board Members Absent:**

**Determination of Quorum:**

Dr. Rider called the special meeting of the Wayne County Health Board to order at 10:40 a.m. and confirmed a quorum.

Dr. Rider reported that this special meeting was called as a motion has been presented to the Board and asked Mr. Zaleski to explain the complaint and would entertain the motion.

Mr. Zaleski advised there was an event at Maria Mitrione's/4<sup>th</sup> Floor Blues Club/Parker Building. Mr. Zaleski advised that Executive Director, Christine Stinson and Dan Burk, Health Inspector visited the establishment on New Year's Eve for an inspection, after receiving several complaints from concerned citizens on the planned event. Stinson advised that on New Year's Eve, she had Dan Burk meet her at the WCHD at 9:00 p.m. and they proceeded to go to New Bozwell's for an inspection. Upon arrival, no customers had masks on, there were no signs stating to have masks on. Dan identified himself as asked to speak to the person in charge. Stinson advised that she spoke with Allen Whaalen and she inquired about how many patrons were in the establishment and he replied with, "I don't know maybe 70:" Director Stinson and Mr. Burk provided Mr. Whaalen a written order explaining the deficiencies and non-compliance. Mr. Whaalen was also asked to comply and given PPE at time of inspection to help

with compliance. He stated that "he would not comply; and he just couldn't do that." Mr. Whaalen advised that he call the owner, Mr. Burk stayed with Mr. Whaalen, while Director Stinson took video evidence.

Upon Director Stinson's arrival back to Mr. Burk, the owner Rick Parker was with Mr. Burk and appeared agitated and was screaming. Mr. Parker continued to scream asking why she does not pick on the big guys like Wal-Mart, and then proceeded to step forward and shove her in her right shoulder and told her to leave the little guy alone and leave. Director Stinson stated to Mr. Parker he is to never put his hands on her again and to stand down. It was explained to Mr. Parker that the WCHD had the right to be at any retail establishment serving food. Director Stinson and Mr. Burk exited the building and waited for RPD to arrive. Upon arrival, the situation was explained to RPD officers and they wanted to wait for the Shift Supervisor. The Shift Supervisor stated that he did not see it the way Chief Brit saw it, and they would not intervene or go inside the establishment. Director Stinson and Mr. Burk returned to the WCHD after thanking RPD.

**Executive Director Report:**

Stinson advised that a verbal and written request to comply were declined and that a written closure order was given.

Pete Zaleski made a motion that the Wayne County Health Department's attorney be authorized to file suit in the Wayne County Courts, on behalf of this Board and our local Health Officer, Dr. David Jetmore, against the appropriate entities and affiliates of The Parker Company, to enforce issued but ignored orders of the Health Officer for events that occurred and orders that were issued December 31, 2020, and remedy any subsequent acts of non-compliance with applicable Executive Orders of the Indiana Governor that might have occurred since said date and prior to the filing of such legal proceedings. Robert Coddington seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mr. Zaleski expressed his frustration with outliers not following the rules by having large events and failing to comply, and consequences of this are seen in the contact tracing. but commended the community for practicing social distancing and masking.

Stinson reported to the Board that she has received 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine, and is ready for Monday, but will barely scratch the surface. She explained that beginning today 80+ can register for their COVID-19 vaccine to be given starting Monday. She also reported that ISDH is allowing healthcare workers and front-line emergency responders. Stinson reported that she is scheduled to receive a total of 1,000 doses in January. Stinson explained that she had a video produced that will allow the community to see how the vaccination site will flow and work that will be on before Dr. Jetmore's show. She advised that when patients come into receive their first dose of the vaccine, they will schedule their second dose.

Stinson thanked the Board for their great advice and counsel to this community and all that they do. Mr. Zaleski asked how ISDH was determining the number of doses for distribution to individual Indiana counties.

Stinson explained her thoughts on how they were determining distribution and was happy to be a part of it. She explained that Reid Health is also administering vaccines and to use their site as well. She also reported that there have been many wonderful community members that have reached out to help

volunteer. She advised that Dan Burk, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, is handling this process and can be reached at [dburk@co.wayne.in.us](mailto:dburk@co.wayne.in.us).

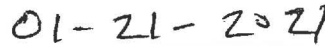
The next Health Board meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 12:00pm.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Pete Zaleski made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Jon Igelman with no objections.



Paul Rider, MD



Date