

Wayne County Health Board Meeting
Thursday, April 16th, 2020-12:00pm
Wayne County Administration Building-EMA Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Peter Zaleski

Board Members Via Telecon: Dr. Paul Rider
Jeff Butler
Robert Coddington
Dr. Jon Ingelman
John Lebo
Sabrina Pennington

Also Present: Dr. David Jetmore, MD Health Officer
Christine Stinson, Executive Director, WCHD
Attorney Ron Cross
Tamra Webb, Recording Secretary

Determination of Quorum and Approval of Minutes:

Peter Zaleski opened the meeting and confirmed the quorum. Peter Zaleski called for a motion to approve the minutes from April 2nd, 2020 meeting. Dr. Jon Ingelman motioned approval, seconded by John Lebo. A roll call was taken and passed unanimously.

Health officer Report:

Dr. Jetmore open with a report of 20 covid-19 positives currently at Reid Hospital. He states we could be seeing the top of the peak. He then compares the numbers with Wayne County having a 29 per 100,000 ratio capered to Marion county with 339 per 100,000. Jon Lebo spoke and asked about the nursing homes. Dr. Jetmore informed him that one of the nursing homes had a case reported of one of the employees was ill so they had the strike team force come in to have 10 of the patients of the employee that was ill tested and all 10 was negative. The strike team was also sent to another nursing home and we are currently waiting back for the results. Pete Zaleski mentioned to Jetmore about weekly meetings with Dan and Dr. Huth. Dr. Jetmore stated yes there is a daily meeting in the mornings via conference calls that include: Dr. Huth, principals at Reid Hospital with keeping up with Reid testing and ventilators, also on the same call includes surrounding counties. Bob Cottington asked where we are in testing supplies as far as Wayne County? Jetmore responded that Reid informed him they are doing 1,000 tests a day. Jetmore would like to see more wide spread testing , Reid Hospital is working on getting rapid testing available.

Christine Stinson spoke in regards of the homeless population and our lack of preparedness for a place to house whoever would test positive and need to be in isolation. She states that it is important we start looking into finding resources to be better prepared. Dr. Rider mentions that other States have used Motels for shelter. Christine responded to Rider that she has already explored into that with no interest from all that she has reached out to. Stinson informs Bridges did reach out through District 6 to

help to come up with a plan. Dr. Rider brought up possibly reaching out to Reid on the capacity with using Connersville building. Mrs. Stinson recommends we try to stick to working with Bridges with them being more of a regional resource.

Dr. Rider updated about the attorney bill situation. He spoke with Attorney Rick Boston. Mr. Boston asked for a reconsideration. Dr. Rider and John Lebo plan to with Rick Boston to go over everything to get more clarity. Pete Zaleski agrees that would best resolution move forward.

Executive Director Report:

Christine Stinson updates that the RN that was hired resigned after only 2 days of working. Now the position is reposted with only one interest thus far. Christine with concerns to find someone soon emailed Pam Hicks to see if we can use more ways such as Facebook to be more open to the public to hopefully get a better and quicker response. She also updated about the medical clerk, Melissa Hines, is doing very well and she now has her set and enrolled in becoming an insurance navigator for when we open SSP back up.

Christine Stinson touches base on where we are in the clinic build out. She explains she met with the Architects. They think will won't be done and ready to open until the end of summer with that causes us to miss our goal to open end of June 1st, 2020 deadline. Christine has a goal to work around the delay with using the garage in the Health Department building for storage for vaccines and then set up the multipurpose room to see patients until the Clinic is completed. She wants to be open back up for STD testing for May 1st, 2020. She states the big thing needed right now is a generator so we can have vaccinations here and available. Pete Zaleski added we have already contracted with Vac Care with the billing and everything is good and ready to go. Christine states it is important we find an RN to get in here and trained.

Old Business:

Dr. Jetmore informs that he is using guidelines and recommendations alongside what Governor Holcomb updates with. He states we may see another outbreak with lifting restrictions. Attorney Ron Cross recommends we update Beth Fields on any changes or new directives going forward.

Keith Webster, funeral director in Fountain City stated funeral directors are part of the care in this pandemic and must follow proper protocols and follow Indiana code. Mr. Webster mentions he asked for documentation from health department that states the limit for gatherings and said he did not receive any that has the numbers stated anywhere. On March 26th, he send a proposal to public health and got no response. He said he has no issue following guidelines, he then states he needs policy in real writing in form of resolutions drafted by an attorney on a letter head to help them with the people they deal with, on something to stand on when informing the grieving the guidelines. In response to Mr. Webster, Christine adds her and Dan Burke have reached out and have went back and forth with several emails to all funeral directors with any questions and concerns. Pete Zaleski adds to that with going back

to the very first meeting with all funeral directors on March 12th on going over all directives and with any questions. Since then the health department has been in communication with any updates and concerns.

New Business:

Christine Stinson goes over the SSP emergency plan to open up here on May 1st, 2020. With plans on how will process patience with this moving to our location at the health department instead of Centerstone location. Chris Simons, director of the SEP program speaks on how important this program is and with this pandemic, we need it up and running to try to keep our County even safer. Christine adds we will follow ISDH guidelines with the safety of the serving services to protect our employees and anyone we are serving through the program. She mentions we have also talked about working with Reid Hospital with helping on screening for Covid-19 symptoms patients we see and send there to be tested. Dr. Paul Rider called to motion for an approval to move forward on the plan to start May 1st, with following the guidelines from the ISDH emergency plan. The motion was seconded by John Lebo, it was passed 6-1.

Dr. Jetmore addresses to go over the concerns of the Death certificates. He was informed that at times there is some given out with no fee. The health department also has been billing funeral homes with that comes along with having to then upkeep for them on the billing of money due and when they pay. Christine Stinson wants this stopped, she sees no reason for this, states this is not a part of my staff jobs, to keep a book for the funeral homes. "I need them doing other things for our department. This is a pay as you go service we offer and we need to have all Funeral Homes paying when they pick up, either with check, money, or credit card and there is no reason to need to bill them." Pete Zaleski states we need to stop the billing process and no more free certificates. We need to give proper communication to the all funeral homes for understanding with the date set to June 1st to be paid up front at time of pick up or when an order is placed and with no more free Certificates.

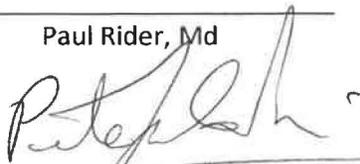
Dr. Rider set the motion to end practice of complementary certificates and that they are paid for at the time of pick up and changes are to take affect June 1st, 2020. Motioned seconded by Jon Igelman it was passed unanimously.

The next meeting for Board of Health will be Thursday, April 30th, 2020 and 12 pm and it will be another telecon meeting. Next meeting location is to be announced.

Motion to Adjourn

Robert Coddington made the motion, seconded by Dr. Jon Ingelman.

Paul Rider, Md



Peter Zaleski

4/30/2020
Date