

**Wayne County
Board of Health**
Thursday July 16th, 2020
Commissioner's and County Council Chambers
-604 East Main Street
Richmond, IN

Board Members Present: Dr. Paul Rider
Peter Zaleski

Board Members Via Telecon/Zoom: Jeff Butler
Dr. Jon Igelman
John Lebo
Sabrina Pennington

Present: Dr. David Jetmore, MD Health Officer
Christine Stinson, Executive Director, WCHD
Tamra Webb, Recording Secretary
Ken Paust, Wayne County Commissioner, President
Mary Anne Butters, Wayne County Commissioner
Jeff Plasterer, Wayne County Council

Also, Present Via Telecon/Zoom: Ron Cross, Attorney

Determination of Quorum and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Paul Rider called the meeting and confirmed a quorum. Dr. Rider asked for a motion to approve the minutes. John Lebo motioned the approval, and was seconded by Jeff Butler, which passed unanimously.

Health Officer Report:

Dr. Jetmore gave an update on Covid-19 virus. He stated that we are now seeing a rise in 41 States. In Indiana as of July 15th there were 53,000 positive cases in total, 700 new cases with 2,600 deaths. Dr. Jetmore stated that we are now back in levels that were seen in April. The Optum site is now seeing around 130-200 people per day. New case reports for Wayne County are as follows: July 10th-12th we had 15 new cases followed with Monday 6, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 14.

There was a discussion regarding nursing home visitations and the Health Board agreed that it is best to stick with outdoor visits until a better plan with proper guidelines is worked out with all nursing homes.

Executive Director Report:

Stinson reported the contract with ISDH for OptumServe is scheduled to end on July 31st. She hopes to keep the site open and here in Wayne County. Starting, September 1st they have offered a grant to every community with having a three tier on how much money each location will get. Being under 70,000 for our county puts us in a tier three community and would get \$50,000 for one testing site. It is a ten-month grant and will run from September 1st- June 30th. This grant has some criteria on being met. The site needs to be open 35 hours a week. ISDH would like it to be a one stop shop with offering immunizations, lead testing, and Covid-19 testing. They would like to see at least 100 tests done each day, with a staff availability to do 100 tests each day. This would include two swabbers and two registrars. Stinson stated \$50,000 would not be enough to cover that many staff members. We will need to have additional staff. Stinson has a plan with keeping the Optum site at previous Elder-Beerman location and then bringing the entire nursing division over while the Health Department is waiting for the clinical side build-out to be completed. We can then request carry over funds out of the local health trust or local health maintenance for another \$50,000 and that would be enough to hire contractual employees to work for ten months along with the Health Department nursing staff. They can run it out of the Elder-Beerman site until our clinical build-out is complete then we can bring everything back to the Health Department building. Christine stated doing it this way would give a one stop shop, with the nursing division doing the testing from 8am-10am then bringing contract positions to continue from 10am-6pm Monday through Friday with a few hours on Saturday. Paul Rider recommend moving forward with the grant and plans. Jon Igelman made a motion, John Lebo seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Stinson went over the budget for the year. She stated she has it as slimmed down as she can get it with moving employees' salaries out of the 1159 fund and into either the local health trust or the local health maintenance account. The Health board had a discussion over any problems and risks that we may have with doing that. Peter Zaleski stated he and Robert Coddington would help with acting as a finance committee to work out budget. Stinson stated she would appreciate the help. Dr. Rider discussed the approval of the budget with addition to adding in the Health Officer into the budget and that Stinson allocates which new employees will move into a grant fund. Jon Igelman made the motion, seconded by Jeff Butler, and was passed unanimously.

With the help of Ken Paust, the Cares Act money got an approval to use some of the money to buy a mobile testing unit and to build the testing part in the Health Department. Stinson went over the plans for purchasing a mobile unit and what is needed for the unit.

The Health Department now has hired an LPN and a medical assistant. They will start on Monday, August 3rd, 2020. The medical assistant will be full time in working on contact tracing investigation. Stinson stated that when school opens back, they will probably see more cases.

There was a discussion with the board regarding a requirement to wear mask when in public places. Stinson has been in contact with Mayor Dave Snow and he agrees to entertain a request from the Health Department to have a mandate and would like for the board of health to be more specific with narrowing the requirements down. Stinson also brought into the discussion the governor requiring local Health Departments to approve gathering plans for each County. The guidance that has been given that is effective July 23rd, 2020 for organizers with over 250 people. The plan must address the following: capacity limits that they will need to collect guest information and give a plan on how they're going to do that, staff and volunteer screenings, a plan of what the social distances are going to be, a plan for increased sanitation, a plan for face coverings, monitoring and enforcement plans. The State of Indiana

is leaning towards the masking requirements. Dr. Rider thinks it is best to make a recommendation to require a mask anytime anyone is going into public buildings and anytime you are outside and cannot maintain social distance. Children under the age of two are exempt, or if you have a rare exemption for health issues. Dr. Rider calls for a motion to be made, Jon Ingelman made a motion, seconded by John Lebo, and was passed unanimously. Stinson asked two members of the Wayne County Commissioners, Ken Paust and Mary Ann Butters to come up and speak on behalf of the board. They both agree and would like to see a mandate to require wearing masks and wanted to get a recommendation from the health board for them to move forward with a decision.

Stinson stated that school re-opening plans have been announced and sent out. Since the last meeting she has met with the school boards and school nurses with all questions and concerns. The Health Department will be working with school nurses on bringing all immunizations clinics to each school district and flu clinics later this fall and eventually vaccination for Covid-19.

Jon Ingelman would like to thank the staff for doing the contact tracing. Dr. Rider entertains the motion from the board that they thank our Health Department staff for the tremendous job on stepping up under difficult circumstances. Jeff Butler made a motion, seconded by Peter Zaleski, and was passed unanimously.

The next Health Board meeting will be Thursday, August 20th, 2020 at 12:00 pm. Location will be determined and will be another telecon/zoom meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jon Ingelman made a motion and seconded by Peter Zaleski.



Paul Rider, MD



Date