

**Wayne County
Board of Health**
Thursday August 20th, 2020
Commissioner's and County Council Chambers
604 East Main Street
Richmond, IN

Board Members Present:

Dr. Paul Rider
Peter Zaleski
Robert Coddington

Board Members Via Telecon:

Dr. Jon Igelman
Jeff Butler
John Lebo
Sabrina Pennington

Present:

Dr. David Jetmore, MD Health Officer
Christine Stinson, Executive Director, WCHD
Tamra Webb, Recording Secretary
Ron Cross, Attorney
Ken Paust, Wayne County Commissioner, President
Jeff Plasterer, Wayne County Council
Kimberly Walton, Auditor

Determination of Quorum and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Rider called the meeting and confirmed a quorum. Dr. Rider asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Peter Zaleski motioned the approval, and was seconded by Jon Igelman, which passed unanimously.

Health Officer Report:

Dr. Jetmore gave an update on Coronavirus, He states that overall, in the world there have been 22 million cases with 800,000 deaths. In Indiana we are seeing about 500 new cases a day with a positivity rate of 7.7 percent based off a seven-day rolling average. Here in Wayne County we have a total of 438 positive cases and 10 deaths. Our seven-day rolling positivity rate is down to 3.4 percent which once we were seeing a higher rate of 10 percent. The testing site with Optum is seeing an average of 150 to 250 people a day to be tested. Case reports for Wayne County are broken down into the days are as follows: August 14th 14 cases, August 17th 19 cases August 18th 9 cases, and yesterday 15 cases which includes clinical and laboratory cases.

Executive Director Report:

Stinson discussed the importance of keeping the spread down and to keep students in school. She stated we need to be doing our part as a community to help keep the spread down by following the social distancing guidelines and making personal choices, as to not put us or our children at risk of contracting Covid-19 by avoiding large events, always wearing a mask in public whether you are six feet apart or not, especially in indoor spaces. Stinson also informed the Health Department is still having meetings with the school and school nurses. Guidelines for any student that exhibits any symptoms for Covid-19 are to be sent out of school for at least 10 days unless they get a differential diagnosis from a doctor. She stated that regarding school closing concerns that one benchmark has been that if one classroom has 2 positive cases that the classroom must shutdown. A lot of schools in Wayne County are closing classrooms with just one case for 14 days to be extra cautious. Stinson then praised the schools for doing such a good job and for working so hard to follow guidelines. She also mentioned as for the Health Department she has been trying to reach out to the State for further and better guidance on what to recommend the schools for when to close a building, a wing, a district, and when the State would consider closing all schools. Stinson stated the goal is to keep the kids in school.

Stinson informed the Board that the Health Department is now fully staffed in the Clinic and all staff have done the immunization 101 training and got everything worked out with Vax Care. The only issue we have had is with VFC, which changed the formatting and had caused some problems. The Clinic increased the hours for immunization with doing appointments until 8 pm two nights and routinely appointments until 5pm. We will be doing a Super Shot Saturday coming up that will offer walk-ins for the public.

Ken Paust stated the mobile unit should be here the end of October or beginning of November. Stinson informed the mobile unit will extend the Departments ability to offer testing such as: Covid-19, immunizations, flu shots, and future Covid-19 immunization shots. It will have two clinic rooms to serve the community. Once it is here the Health Department will go out weekly on a scheduled routine, offering our services throughout the community. Stinson is working towards getting rapid testing for Covid-19 available.

Stinson went over the testing grant. The State will be here next week to do the training. We have a contract with Manpower needing to be signed so employees can work through them. Stinson asked for the Board for an approval to sign the contract. Robert Coddington made a motion to approve and was seconded by Peter Zaleski and was passed unanimously.

Stinson brought up the IT grant that she has sent out about 3 weeks ago and has not heard anything back yet. She stated we need this grant for better connectivity for our building. This grant will also provide the contact tracers printers and scanners. Also, cell phones for our clinical staff when they move over to the old Elder-Beerman site until our build out is completed.

There is also a harm reduction grant that the County has had for some time and is up for renewal. The grant pays for the Heartland services. They do all the HIV and Hepatitis C services. Stinson needed to get approval to reapply for the grant. Peter Zaleski made a motion to approve and was seconded by Jon Igelman, roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

The next Health Board meeting will be Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 12:00 pm. Location will be at the Commissioner's and County Council Chambers. It will be another Telecon meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jon Igelman made a motion and seconded by Peter Zaleski.

Paul S. Rider MD

Paul Rider, MD

Sept. 17, 2020

Date