

**Wayne County  
Board of Health**  
Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Robert Coddington  
Jeff Butler  
John Lebo

**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

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Jon Igelman  
Sabrina Pennington

**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. Robert Coddington motioned the approval and was seconded by Peter Zaleski.

**Health Officer Report:**

Dr. Jetmore stated the number of cases is down dramatically with one positive on Tuesday, four positives on Wednesday, and sixteen cases over the weekend. The hospital volume is staying steady with an average of thirty patients in isolation and about fourteen to eighteen positive cases and about one to two on a ventilator. Jetmore stated that until we get a vaccine, the main tools we must use to protect ourselves are wearing a mask, social distancing, and hand washing hygiene. WHO will accept a vaccine that is 50% effective with typically an ideal of being 70% effective. Peter Zaleski stated that there been a small jump in deaths within the past month. Jetmore states that is correct, Wayne County went from ten deaths for a long period to now having fourteen deaths with the youngest being in their early sixties.

**Executive Director Report:**

Stinson gives a report on the Health Department and Optum testing sites. Although both sites are currently at same location, there has not been either an increase or decrease in the numbers of testing. Mondays still busy with having close to 300 people and about 150 per each following day. They are being split not 50/50 with the health department still ramping our numbers up and looking for a new location to move Optum. Stinson has been working with commissioner Ken Paust trying to find a location in the western part of the County, with a possible site in Cambridge City. Stinson stated she

wants to spread the testing further out in the County, because there are five places to be tested in Richmond.

Stinson went over the Abbott ID Now contract. This will allow us to get rapid testing, which would be paid through under the commissioners. We would not be able to bill insurance for the rapid test but without insurance it would run \$41.00 per test. This testing will bring fast results only taking 15 minutes. With the tests being purchased through the Cares Act it would be under the direction of the commissioners on how to allocate with the 500 tests purchased. The health board took a vote on approving to purchase the rapid tests that will be purchased by the County under the Cares Act. Jeff Butler made a motion and second by Peter Zaleski and was passed unanimously.

Stinson updated the board about the Mask Giveaway that was on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. She informed there was a total of 114,000 masks handed out from different locations. Stinson would like to do another mask hand out in Richmond in October with pivoting away from an event to more towards a maintenance program. Which will allow the community to be able to pick up at the Health Department or at different municipal buildings when needed.

Stinson reported the Super Shot Saturday that the Health Department ran, served a total of seventeen kids with vaccinations. She stated it went very smooth with no problems and would like to have more events. The nursing division has increased hours with taking appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7:00 pm to see patients.

The IT grant came through and Stinson went over what all can be funded with the grant. The allotted amount is \$155,191.23 for Wayne County.

Stinson addressed the board about needing to have a policy for social media and would like to have further discussion at next meeting with hopefully having all board members present. Stinson states the Health Department only uses social media as a platform for the community to share important information. We do not need people on the posts to comment for any debates. If anyone has any questions or concerns, they need to reach out via email or call the Health Department. Stinson added she would like to keep our Facebook page and believes it helps keep the community up to date with everything.

The next Health Board meeting will be Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:00 pm. Location will be at the Commissioner's and County Council Chambers. With hopes to having all members present with keeping the social distance.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Dr. Rider closed the meeting with having no objections.



Paul Rider, MD

10-22-2020

Date