

**Wayne County
Board of Health**

Thursday October 22nd, 2020
(Old Elder-Beerman Building)
601 East Main
Richmond, IN

Board Members Present: Dr. Paul Rider
Perter Zaleski
Jeff Butler

Board Members Via Telecon/Zoom: Robert Coddington
Dr. Jon Igelman
John Lebo

Present: Dr. David Jetmore, Md Health Officer
Christine Stinson, Executive Director, WCHD
Tamra Webb, Recording Secretary
Ron Cross, Attorney
Christopher Simons, HIV/HVC Program Manager

Board Member Absent: 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. Jon Lebo motioned the approval and was seconded by Peter Zaleski.

Health Officer Report:

Jetmore updates that Coronavirus is on an up uptick globally in the United States. Global the virus has increased in Spain, Italy, United Kingdom, and Northern Ireland with some being in lockdown. United States leads with the most cases and India is a close second. Jetmore stated most of the disease is in the Midwest, especially in the upper Midwest. Indiana with an upsweep of a positivity rate of 8%. Indiana keeps track with all varies of counties on how severe Covid-19 cases are. Having a graph that has a color code with blue being the minimal community spread, following with yellow, orange then red being to highest. Level orange consist of having a weekly status of around 100-199 cases. Wayne County is now in Orange, with Wayne County at 283 and a positively rate at 10 to 14.9%, and a unique rate around 15-16%. Wayne County has a total of 31 deaths to date with 22 of those being in a long care facility, and 16 of those deaths are from this month alone. With us now being in Orange status, Jetmore and Stinson has met with local leaders regarding a Covid-19 response. Jetmore and Stinson both agree it would be best to limit gatherings to max of 25. Jetmore stated the local leaders are going with a max of 75 per gathering. Stinson gives an update with the nursing homes with not being changed with them already

having high restriction. With winter and cold weather approaching visiting with residents will change from doing them outdoors to now having to go indoors. There will be no children allowed for visits and only one single family member per visit and each visit will take place in a designated room and not in a resident's room. Stinson also stated by State guidelines if any facility has any Covid-19 cases in the past 14 days there is to be no visitors. Stinson adds that Dr. Huth with Reid Health has been in contact with all facilities to offer help with question and concerns.

Executive Director Report:

Stinson informs she registered Wayne County for Covid vaccine via Covid vaccine site. She stated our plans need to be submitted to the State by December, with still needing to find a dry ice provider. Dr. Rider mentions there is one in Greenville, Ohio. Stinson is working with the M.O.U. for when the vaccine becomes available. She stated the Health Department would need to have top priority over the facility at the Fairgrounds. That if any event were already scheduled it would then be cancelled to allow us to run the mass inoculation site there. Stinson thinks the fairgrounds would be the best place given any weather we can still operate.

Chris Simon discussed the 340B contract. The State is increasingly pushing for counties to become financially self-sustaining for the programs of HIV and HEP C. The Health Department needs to have a pharmacy to dispense the medication. Phillips Drugs has the same contract with Meridian Services through their 340B program. This contract needs to be signed by the 15th of this month. The contract has a 90 day out with an annual renewal starting at each calendar year. Jeff Butler made a motion to move forward with the contract and seconded by Jon Igelman and was passed unanimously with Peter Zaleski being abstained.

Stinson discussed the Abbott ID now contract that has been executed and stated we are on a waiting list. This contract will allow the Health Department to do rapid Covid-19 and Flu tests. The State came through with giving us BinaxNOW cards. The Health Department now has BinaxNOW rapid Covid-19 testing at our testing site located at the former Elder-Beerman site. With this it allows up to 50 rapid tests per day. There will be a protocol in place for anyone who wants a rapid test done at a first come basis. The criteria for a rapid is you must be symptomatic and within the first 7 days of symptoms and with having at least two symptoms. Stinson stated our testing site continues to be steady busy. ISDH reached out to Stinson to offer any help they could for the Health Department. Stinson responded that we needed another registration station and more people for hands on help. ISDH deployed some National Guards over to the testing site and they have been a tremendous help. Stinson updates that the positivity rate at the testing site is 7.9% since October. Testing is free with walk-ins welcomed and no residency requirements. We recommend to pre-register online at scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov.

Old Business:

Stinson updates on the construction for the clinic that is now underway and progressing. She was informed the work was in hopes to be completed mid-December. The Health Department mobile unit was rescheduled for delivery in December.

Dr. Rider brings to the board that the fees need to be temporary waived for anyone who needs to obtain a birth certificate to vote. He stated the State waives the fees for getting an I.d. if it obtains to voting so the County should do so also. Peter Zaleski made a motion to waive fees taking effect immediately up until election day for the purpose of voting and seconded by John Lebo and passed unanimously.

Robert Coddington mentions his concerns regarding social media outreach and wanted to clarify that we explained to the public why the Health Department has filters on all comments made on our page. Stinson stated she has addressed the issue and that it is also noted on our Facebook in the disclaimer section.

New Business:

Jetmore issued a new directive for the schools. There was discussion with the board before having Jetmore sign off on it. The directive consists of eliminating school spirit activities such as cheerleading and band, also only athletes that are dressed to play and giving each player two tickets for parents to attend the games. Everyone is to wear a mask other than players that are on the court. Stinson stated the schools are doing a great job and she gives a lot of credit to the schools. Peter Zaleski made a motion to approve the directives and seconded by John Lebo and was passed unanimously.

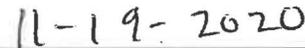
The next Health Board meeting will be Thursday November 19th, 2020 at 12:00pm. Location will be in Commissioner's and County Council Chambers via a Zoom/Telecon meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jon Igelman made a motion and seconded by Peter Zaleski



Paul Rider, MD



Date