

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting

July 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Hendricks County Government Center
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room
355 S Washington St.
Danville, IN 46122

The Hendricks County Board of Health met Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Andrew Cougill
Dr. Larry Caskey
Mr. Brian Cobb
Mr. David Hardin
Mr. Bruce Dillon (virtual)
Dr. Chrystal Anderson

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Krista Click, Health Department Administrator
Ms. Nicole Oppy, Public Health Nursing Team Leader
Ms. Leanna Truitt, Program Manager of Healthy Families
Ms. Ginger Harrington, Onsite Team Leader
Ms. Lisa Chandler, Foods Team Leader
Ms. Sharon Mayer, Environmental Health Secretary
Ms. Anne Archer, Outreach Team Leader
Mr. Matt Williams, Environmental Health Specialist

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney
Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council Liaison

Board Members/Others Absent:

Ms. Debra Campbell

Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Cougill called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Cougill verified there was a 5-2 vote for Mr. Lyle's appeal and Ms. Krista Click, Environmental Health Director, mentioned a correction for the Healthy Families manual of 2022-2023.

Mr. Brian Cobb made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022, Board of Health meeting. Dr. Chrystal Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Wishes to be Heard

None presented.

Introduction of New Staff/Roles

Matt Williams introduced himself as the new Environmental Health Specialist and Anne Archer, Public Health Nurse, introduced herself as the new Outreach Team Leader.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Stopperich, Health Officer, provided COVID updates with Hendricks County averaging about 27 cases per day of those people who test. Approximately two months ago, there were about 12 cases per day and about a month ago, there were approximately 34 cases per day. Therefore, numbers have been stable regarding cases per day. Testing numbers are at an average of 115 which results in a positivity rate of 23%. Consistent with CDC, we are paying more attention to hospital numbers which will show consistency regardless of where people test. Currently Hendricks County has about 17 people admitted at local hospitals, two months ago there were 8, and a

month ago there were 15. There are not any patients occupying ICU beds or on a ventilator. In the past month, we have had 3 deaths in the county due to COVID. These deaths were in long term care facilities with the individuals being immunized and elderly. Dr. Stopperich stated they most likely lacked the immune system to have the needed response to the vaccine.

Dr. Stopperich will be referring more to CDC data for guidance. Hendricks County is at a 47.8% boosted rate, which includes those 6-months and older. The age group with the highest rate of receiving a booster are those 65-years-old and above, at a rate of 72.4%.

With a slight uptick in hospital admissions, Hendricks County just went from green status to yellow last week. The CDC mask recommendation suggests for the high risk select population to discuss the issue with their healthcare provider.

Testing sites will be extended at the Meadow Drive location through 2022 in collaboration with Hendricks Regional Health (HRH). The State has shifted some monies and there is an opportunity to receive funds to keep the testing site open. The testing site will be open 1p-3p Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Within the next month, we will have another conversation with HRH about teaming up with them to have another vaccine clinic.

Mr. Hardin inquired if there had been any conversations with school superintendents as to how they will be going into the school year and if they have mitigation plans in place. Dr. Stopperich believes they have mitigation plans, but he has not heard from them. Ms. Nicole Oppy, Public Health Nursing Team Leader, replied that she has not heard from school nurses.

Mr. Hardin inquired about relapses regarding Omicron and long-term sickness after the initial infection. Dr. Stopperich replied that the more severe the illness, the longer the recovery.

Ms. Click stated the reorganization was approved by the County Council in June. She also added that the fee ordinance was modified for the temporary holding tank policy. The ordinance was amended and approved for the \$250 fee.

New Business

Ms. Click discussed the format for future health board meetings regarding changing the order of updates.

Healthy Families Update

Ms. Leanna Truitt, Program Manager of Healthy Families, stated that their policy was to be due this summer, but it has been pushed back until October, which is when the contract will come out. Presently, they are in the second year of four-year contract. They are trying to move families around to make room for new ones coming into the program. There has not been a change in staffing, but they will need to add staffing for new referrals coming into the program.

This summer the State is rolling out the My Healthy Baby program and these cases will be a priority referral system. The State will decide where the moms based on their criteria will be referred. She is anticipating additional referrals.

Dr. Cougill inquired if the Healthy Families program utilizes interns. Ms. Truitt replied that due to strict background checks and the additional supervision required of staff that they have not utilized interns in the past. Interns cannot be alone with families and cannot have access to database information. Mr. Hardin asked about the program not being able to take referrals due to staffing and how we compare to surrounding counties. Ms. Truitt

stated that we serve only Hendricks County while counties are clustered. She also added that we have a birthing hospital and other surrounding counties do not. Therefore, Hendricks County must send out the referrals.

Environmental Health Update

Ms. Lisa Chandler, Foods Team Lead, stated that there is still one environmental health specialist position open. Staff is busy with temporary events, the fair, festivals, and food truck inspections.

Ms. Ginger Harrington, Septic Team Lead, stated that the team has been busy with inspections and septic systems are being installed.

Ms. Click stated that the Health Board members did receive a raise from \$201 a quarter to \$220 a quarter.

Nursing Update

Ms. Nicole Oppy referenced the flyer for the Indiana Immunization Coalition Mobile Clinic where there were 77 vaccines administered. On October 26th, there will be another mobile clinic. Presently, the department is co-administering the COVID vaccine with other vaccines, such as school immunizations. Legislation was passed to lower the blood lead level from 5 to 3.5 for a capillary draw. The blood lead level has been lowered to 5 from 10 for case management intervention and environmental risk assessment. Dr. Cougill inquired as to how many cases this will be a month and Anne stated that she has 3-4 open cases right now; however, this legislation was just passed in July.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Stopperich provided a handout with causes of death and stated that the number of deaths in 2019 was 1,458 and increased to 1,795 in 2020. There were 197 COVID deaths with several other cardiovascular related deaths as well. COVID deaths have decreased from 197 to 105 from 2020 to 2021. The dementia/malnutrition deaths increased from 191 in 2019 to 247 in 2020. Sepsis went up from 44 deaths to 74 deaths from 2019 to 2020, which indicates people were getting to the hospital too late. Overdoses went from 23 to 42 from 2019 to 2020 and 40 in 2021. The coroner's report states approximately 70% of these have a fentanyl base. Furthermore, alcohol intoxication was noted in the top twenty causes for the first time. Cancer data has been consistent over the years. Lung cancer is still the leading cause of cancer deaths.

Comments from County Council Liaison

Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council Liaison, added there is no news from the Council.

Comments from County Attorney

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney, stated that due to the installation of permitted septic systems, some of the escrow funds for holding tanks have been released. There has been an issue down in Plainfield/Mooresville area and he thinks there is a resolution regarding connection to sewer. He is waiting to hear from the Town of Plainfield and the client's attorney.

Adjourn

Mr. Cobb called the meeting to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Dr. Anderson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Cobb

C. Anderson



David M. Stopperich, M.D
Health Officer and Board Secretary

9-6-22

Date Minutes Approved