

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting
November 10, 2020 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, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Andrew Cougill
Dr. Chrystal Anderson
Mr. Brian Cobb
Mr. David Hardin
Mr. Bruce Dillon (Virtual)
Dr. Larry Caskey
Ms. Debra Campbell

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Krista Click, Environmental Health Director
Ms. Kandi Jamison, Director of Public Health Nursing
Ms. Leanna Truitt, Healthy Families Program Manager (Virtual)
Ms. Nicole Oppy, Asst. Director of Public Health Nursing (Virtual)
Ms. Ginger Harrington, Team Lead, Septic
Ms. Sharon Mayer, Environmental Health Secretary

Board Members/Others Absent:

Lisa Chandler, Team Lead, Food

Others in Attendance:

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

Determination of a Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brian Cobb made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 Board of Health meeting.
Mr. David Hardin seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Introduction of New Staff

Ms. Cody Jain, Public Health Education Specialist, will be transitioning into the Environmental Health Specialist position.

Wishes to be Heard

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Dr. Stopperich and Mr. David Hardin both accepted new appointments. Mr. Hardin made a motion to approve and Ms. Debra Campbell seconded the motion.

2021 Health Board Proposed Meeting dates were accepted. Dr. Anderson made the motion to approve and Dr. Caskey seconded the motion.

Dr. Stopperich provided updates from September when the Danville School Board set a policy to reduce the close contact spacing radius from six feet close contact to three feet to reduce absences of staff and students. He had requested that Mr. Eric Oliver get involved due to difficulty in getting information about the policy. Dr. Stopperich and Dr. Cougill met with the Danville School Superintendent and attorney to clarify that they are not in agreement with the correspondence sent to parents. The three to six foot verbiage is not in accordance with CDC guidelines that the health department follows. The school corporation is stating that exposed students in the three to six foot range who are asymptomatic can attend school,

where as the health department, following CDC guidelines, recommends that the child be quarantined. The school corporation will note this in a letter to parents.

Mr. Oliver received correspondence from the school board attorney mentioning that verbiage of should/shall found in documentation from CDC and the Indiana Department of Health contradict one another. There is not a desire to close the schools, but he would like a letter from the school corporation clarifying the concern about students in the three to six foot range. The letter should also state that the health department is following the CDC guidelines. The corporation will provide the health department with the names of students in the three to six foot range for contact tracing.

Mr. Cobb mentioned that Danville School Corporation is the only school corporation in the state that is following this protocol and Dr. Stopperich confirmed this with the Indiana Department of Health.

Dr. Wyndham, Superintendent Avon Community School Corporation, has reached out to Dr. Stopperich and they have no intention of following Danville's policy.

Ms. Jamison had concerns from the nursing staff of what they are specifically to tell the community. Mr. Cobb added the health department is following the CDC guidelines. Danville School Corporation will be following its own policy and the health department is following the CDC guidelines.

Environmental Health Update

Ms. Click provided an update regarding the Ashley Motel being a public nuisance by the Town of Plainfield. We are providing their attorney copies of past complaints. She also added that the department is dealing with mask complaints with employees and customers not complying with the COVID-19 state executive order.

The North Salem Food Plaza will be attending an administrative hearing for failure to fix issues regarding rodents.

Ms. Harrington updated that Mr. Oliver delivered two checks from Mr. Mark Lyons. One check for Eugene and Janice Crouch and another for the Health Department.

Mr. Harrington also mentioned that the Health Department recorded an affidavit on a residence that has been demolished. There is an unabandoned well on the property. We mailed letters to the previous owner with no action taken. The property has been sold. The new owners are selling the property. We recorded an affidavit on a property regarding an unabandoned well.

Ms. Harrington updated that the Brew Link septic is in failure and that the tanks were pumped again. They are possibly exceeding capacity with an increase in seating. Efforts have been made in working with the local contractor. Mr. Hardin added that there is a fine line due to the fact they are renting the property and not the owner.

Ms. Click updated that the COVID-19 community-based testing sites are going well, and we are manning the hotline with questions from people seeking test results. Ms. Campbell inquired about turnaround time which is running three to five days from the time the lab receives the specimen.

Nursing Update

Ms. Kandi Jamison added that the COVID vaccine clinic phase I, which includes hospitals and long-term care facilities, will receive a supply which requires ultra-cold storage. Hendrick Regional Health will be the distributor for Hendricks and Putnam counties. They are prepping for a clinic at the fairgrounds where they will administer both doses of the vaccine. The first dose must be consistent with the second and within 21-28 days. The COVID vaccine kits does not provide sharps, gloves, and band aids. We will be utilizing MRC volunteers, EMS, pharmacy techs, and possibly nursing students.

Mr. Cobb asked what will happen if an individual misses the second does, and Ms. Jamison responded that they can still receive it, they just cannot receive it any earlier than 21 days from the first dose.

The second vaccination phase will include critical infrastructure personnel and the third will include the general public.

Ms. Jamison added that the nursing staff provided approximately 400 flu vaccinations and that this was the first year that registration has been online, and the process went well. This is about the same number of doses that have been given in the past.

COVID testing sites are incorporating rapid antigen tests as well.

Healthy Families Update

Ms. Leanna Truitt stated that the new grant has been accepted and that it has been signed. There was no increase or decrease in funding. They are currently advertising for a part time family support specialist. Healthy Families presently has a full case load with the needs of families increasing, especially in the areas of housing and employment. They are utilizing community partners with the State reimbursing for virtual visits. Home visits are still being conducted outside the home. Rebecca is coordinating the Christmas assistance program.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Stopperich provided an update that the State has 214,000 positive COVID cases to date with 50,000 last week. There are 4,200 cases to date in Hendricks County with 800 of those being in the last two weeks. Over the last couple weeks there have been 13 deaths with only one of those being outside of a long-term care facility. There were approximately 120-140 cases in long term care facilities resulting in a 10% mortality rate. Hospital statistics for the county included 8-10 admissions per day and as of this morning between IU West and Hendricks Regional Health there were 11 in ICU and 8 on ventilators.

Hendricks County will be moving from a yellow ranking to an orange ranking tomorrow on the Indiana COVID-19 Dashboard. Nothing will be changed when the county moves to orange. Long term care indoor visitation policy will be determined by the facility. Mr. Hardin inquired about the National Guard assisting and Dr. Stopperich confirmed that they will be assisting with paperwork and nonmedical support to ease the staff burden through the end of the year.

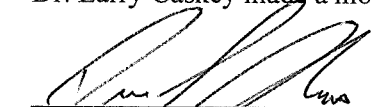
Visitation in long term care will be left to the individual facility. There will not be a county-wide recommendation.

Comments from County Council Liaison-Mr. Larry Hesson

Mr. Hesson informed us that the County Council has approved a stipend for county employees.

Adjourn

Dr. Larry Caskey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



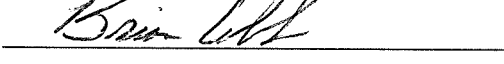
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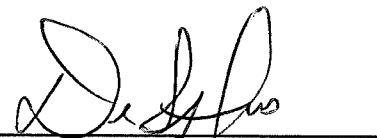
David Hardin



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

1/5/2021
Date Minutes Approved