

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held via teleconference on January 5, 2021.

Members Present: Raymond Weber, M.D., Dorothy Droste, R. N., B.S.N., Jean Schram, M.A., Morris Kugler, M.D., F.A.C.S., Paul Hoover, D.C., Loren Hughes, M.D., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., David Yablonsky, DO, and Paul Malcherek, M.D.

Members Absent: Laura DeLuca, R.N.

Others Present: Toni M. Corona, B.S., L.E.H.P., Director Public Health, Stacey Counton, Office Manager, Bruce Cooper, Deputy County Administrator, John Thompson, Administrative Services.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Dorothy Droste and seconded by Jean Schram to approve the November 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion Approved.

Public Comment/Announcements: Loren Hughes received comments referencing COVID-19 vaccine and it seems the public feels strongly one way or the other on whether to get it or not.

Public Health Administrator's Report: Vaccine Update – We received our initial shipment of Pfizer vaccine on December 17, 2020. That vaccine went to all the five hospitals, some received it directly, some received it from MCHD. We are in Phase 1A, which is healthcare workers and long-term care facilities. Long-term care facilities are being handled by a federal pharmaceutical program initiative with CVS and Walgreens Pharmacies. We have 27 skilled nursing facilities in Madison County. To date, we have had over 3,400 vaccines administered thru Madison County hospitals. MCHD has administered approximately 369 doses, for a total of 3,769 vaccines administered in Madison County. As the vaccine becomes more widely available, we hope to reach these groups faster. At the end of this week, we will be coordinating the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine for the people that have received the first round. Discussion.

COVID Vaccine Registration Survey – The intent of the survey was to try to gauge the level of interest of individuals needing and wanting to receive the vaccine. Also to help us with our clinic planning efforts. It went into detail to help us manage how we run the vaccination clinics once the vaccine becomes more readily available. At 8:00 a.m. this morning, we already had 9,000 surveys completed, as of 5:00 p.m. tonight, we had 12,520 surveys that have been completed.

MCHD staff have been incredible in what they are doing in all the different legs of this response. We cannot stop doing the community testing, contact tracing or all the other follow-ups. Vaccinations is just another component.

As of Friday, January 1, 2021, we have 32 active long-term care facility outbreaks; 62% of our deaths have been associated with long-term care facilities.

Contract with SIU for community testing ended in December. This week we are going to be collaborating with Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation to be able to continue to hold at least one community testing site in Madison County each week. State of Illinois COVID testing is also scheduled at various locations throughout Madison County.

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Unfinished Business: None

New Business: IPLAN Extension – As a certified local health department in the State of Illinois, we are required, every 5 years, to conduct a community/county wide assessment to determine health priorities for the county and we establish a strategic plan for health. We identify health priorities and over the course of the next 5 years, we put a community health plan in place. It is a lengthy process and required by law to do every 5 years. Our 5-year mark is up in April 2021. Due to COVID, I will be writing a letter to the Director Ezike requesting an extension of our IPLAN.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, via GoToMeeting.

A motion was made by Dorothy Droste and seconded by Rebecca Dunn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Rebecca Dunn, Secretary