



## Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2021

### **Board of Health**

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson  
Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair  
Vivian Davis  
Sonja Elder  
Derek King

### **Health Department**

Eric Pessell, Health Officer  
Kevin Green  
Victor Jovanovich  
Ruth Reese  
Brigette Reichenbaugh  
Amanda Smith

### **County**

Kelli Scott, County Administrator  
Lucy Blair, Communications Manager

### **Absent**

Rebecca Fleury  
Jeannie Goodrich

### **Meeting called to order**

Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

### **Agenda**

Crawford moved for agenda approval. Elder supported. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Consent Agenda**

Davis moved for approval of the consent agenda. Elder supported. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment

### **Finance Update**

Reese presented a financial update. The update included:

- Revenues and expenditures are averaging low
- Update on current COVID-19 grants

### **Budget Committee**

Byrne, Crawford, and Elder volunteered to be on the FY22 Board of Health budget committee.

### **COVID-19 Response Update**

Pessell presented a COVID-19 update. The update included summarizing the Health Officer's Report as follows:

- Vaccination clinics are scheduled every week, between 2,500-3,000 shots are administered during each clinic

- Hoping to get outdoor clinics operating as soon as possible, will allow the ability to vaccinate more of the community
- Should see more vaccine allocated by the end of March or early April
- Moving forward, CCPHD is hoping to partner with Oaklawn, Bronson Battle Creek, and Grace Health
- CCPHD is working on stocking pharmacy's with vaccine, this will give more opportunity for people to receive the vaccination
- CCPHD is also looking for providers that want to give vaccinations
- The Quarantine and Isolation facility contract has ended
- Going live with SmartTracker scheduling software this week
  - Provides online registration through the County website
  - Allows staff to check in and complete registration
  - The software will allow us to focus on those 16+ with underlying medical conditions
  - The current 65+ wait list has decreased
- Received MDHHS Grant for a pilot program offering vaccine to vulnerable populations
  - 1,500 doses of Moderna were allocated, 1,000 for Battle Creek, and 500 for Albion
- Received 1,300 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, these doses are being used to vaccinate congregate settings including the Calhoun County jail and non-ambulatory senior housing
- As of the end of last week, 13% of Calhoun County has been vaccinated, 23% initiated
- Calhoun County has seen an increase in COVID-19 cases, 35 cases per 24 hours for a 7-day average
  - Hospitalizations have also increased
- When are teenagers eligible for the vaccine and which will be recommended? Both Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer can be administered to those 16+. Moderna can only be administered to those 18+. Individuals 16+ with underlying health conditions are eligible for the vaccine beginning March 22. Individuals 16 + are eligible for the vaccine beginning April 5
- Grace Health is open to non-patients for vaccines
- Since partnering with the National Guard at mass clinics, CCPHD now has staff available allowing the Albion clinic to be open on Monday's for family planning, STI, etc.
- The Board of Commissioner's passed a resolution on March 4, 2021 allowing FY21 annual fees be waived for restaurants, campgrounds, and pools. This also includes waiver of the state fee
- Restaurants continue to be inspected both in-person and virtually, well/septic will soon ramp up as residents begin building homes
- PFAS is still strong in Calhoun County. The National Guard Base continues to work on mitigation efforts
- Pessell asked Davis how the Pilot Program was coming along in Albion?
  - A Planning meeting was held yesterday to discuss canvassing the community, plenty of volunteers are ready to go door to door
- Elder with Grace Health commented on what a fabulous job CCPHD is doing

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:35am.**

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Amanda Smith at 269-969-6477 or via email at [asmith@calhouncountymi.gov](mailto:asmith@calhouncountymi.gov)