



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2021

Board of Health

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson
Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair
Vivian Davis
Sonja Elder
Jeannie Goodrich
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

Meeting called to order

Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:01am.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Crawford moved for approval of the consent agenda. King supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Finance Update

Banning presented a financial update. The update included:

- Operating at 50% through fiscal year
- Revenues are in line with expenditures

COVID-19 Response Update

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

- As of April 19, 2021, there have been 10,851 confirmed cases in county
 - 239 confirmed hospitalizations
- Hospitalizations have increased within the younger population
- Hospitalizations have decreased within the older demographic as the vaccine has been shown to be effective

- Of those receiving their vaccine, 38.2% of Calhoun County residents have received their first vaccine, 28.5% have completed the series. Based on population, this does not include those under the age of 15
- CCPHD now offers walk-in and evening clinics
- Outreach efforts continue with hospitals and Grace Health
- Currently reaching out to schools to assist with locations for drive-thru vaccine clinics in effort to reach the student population, as well as parents
- Vaccinations have increased among the younger population
- Congressmen Peter Meijer will be touring the YMCA clinic this Friday
- Pfizer vaccine can be administered to those 18 and younger, Moderna can only be administered to those 18+
- Positive COVID-19 cases continue to rise, minors are top priority
- A software called PEG has been implemented for contact tracing efforts. PEG forwards positive cases a text message or email allowing individuals to begin their own case investigation
- Beginning April 5, the 10-day quarantine period increased to 14-days
- Minors are now showing more symptoms

Byrne complimented the CCPHD staff on the great job are doing. She also complimented Holdcraft, Clinic Supervisor, commenting that she has been more than helpful with resources and answering questions

Starr Commonwealth

- Starr Commonwealth is providing temporary shelter to migrant children
- CCPHD has partnered with Starr to test staff for COVID-19 and administer immunizations to children
 - On Saturday, April 17, 262 vaccines were administered to children
- It was suggested that we invite a Starr employee to the next Board of Health Meeting for an update

Meeting adjourned at 8:42am.

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