



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021

Board of Health

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson
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

Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair
Rebecca Fleury
Jeannie Goodrich

Meeting called to order

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

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

No public comment

Finance Update

Banning presented a financial update. The update included:

- Revenues exceeding expenditures
- Received a \$161,000 grant for COVID-19 related response effort wrap around services
- First internal Board of Health budget meeting, 2nd meeting is scheduled for July 6

COVID-19 Response Update

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

- Positive COVID-19 case rates are declining
 - Percent positive is below 3%
- Only two hospitalizations as of last Friday
- Vaccination rates are low in Calhoun County

- Per Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) Medical Director, booster shots are not expected in 2021 but likely in 2022

Health Officer Report

- Clinic services opened fully June 1, five days per week in both Battle Creek and Albion
- WIC continues to work remote per State mandates
- Receiving good applicants for Community Public Health Director and Supervisor
- Recently hired a new Health Educator, primarily working on Syringe Service Program
- School Wellness Program Technicians are working as Community Health Advocates through the summer to spread the word about CCPHD programs and build relationships within the community

Future Meeting Discussion

- Moving forward, once state of emergency is no longer in place, meetings must be open meetings.
- Discussed moving Board of Health meetings to a different day/time due to months where holidays fall on Monday and to allow more travel time during inclement weather for those that live on the far side of the County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36am.

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