



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022

Board of Health

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson
Vivian Davis
Sonja Elder
Rebecca Fleury
Derek King

Health Department

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

County

Kelli Scott, County Administrator
Megan Banning, Deputy Controller

Absent

Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair
Jeannie Goodrich

Meeting called to order

Byrne called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

Finance Update

Banning presented a financial update. The update included:

- Revenues
- Expenditures

COVID-19 Response Update

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

- COVID-19 cases are trending relatively low
- Hospitalizations are trending low
- Lower risk of contracting COVID-19 if vaccinated
- Two Communicable Disease nurses continue to work on COVID-19 case investigations

- Six case investigators funded by the Center for Disease Control Foundation also continue to work on case investigations
- Booster clinics were recently held at the YMCA and at a local church.
 - 440 shots were administered at the YMCA
 - 90 shots were administered at the church

Health Officer Report

- Pessell shared an article for the American Journal of Public Health, “What is Public Health?”
- Part of our branding is to continue educating the community
- Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) is working toward national accreditation, PHAB (Public Health Accreditation Board)
 - Updates will be provided to the Board of Health (BOH) monthly
 - Calhoun County recently completed the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), results will be presented at the next BOH meeting
 - To achieve national accreditation, the following are several items that must be in place: CHNA, a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and a Strategic Plan
 - CCPHD will take the lead on completing the CHIP with assistance from a consultant
 - A Health Educator was hired as the Public Health Accreditation Coordinator to work on items to achieve accreditation and to educate the community and CCPHD staff
- The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) was recently completed and is in review. Plans will be to present findings in May as well.

CCPHD Update

Reichenbaugh, Black, and Green presented the CCPHD Update. The update included:

- Relocating the Albion Health Department to the Cram building by July 1st
- Exploring options to relocate the Battle Creek Health Department and create more of a well-being community center
 - Interested in modeling Al!ive, located in Charlotte
- Selection of a new Electronic Medical Records (EMR) vendor
- Purchase of a CCPHD mobile unit (still awaiting delivery) in effort to reconnect with the community and provide services within the community
 - Services provided will consist of harm reduction, clinical services, flu shots, visiting senior centers, and more
 - A Public Health Nurse will be hired to take the lead on the mobile unit as well as a Health Educator to assist with planning and engagement, with focus with maternal child health and nutrition
- The Environmental Health Hedgehog software is fully up and running. This software will allow permits to be issued in the field to avoid delays in building
- Three new restaurants recently opened in Calhoun County
- The lead program is fully staffed, currently working with 14 families with elevated blood levels

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

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