



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

Board of Health

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson
Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair
Vivian Davis
Jeannie Goodrich
Derek King

Health Department

Eric Pessell, Health Officer
Victor Jovanovich
Ruth Reese
Amanda Smith

County

Kelli Scott, County Administrator
Megan Banning, Deputy Controller

Absent

Sonja Elder
Rebecca Fleury

Meeting called to order

Byrne called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

There were four public comments regarding COVID-19, quarantine, and Calhoun County deaths.

Other Business

Crawford motioned to re-appoint Byrne as Chair member of the BOH. Goodrich seconded. All in favor.

COVID-19 Response Update

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases have increased within the last week
- Hospitalizations have also increased from 27 to 41 within the last week
- Vaccination clinics for children age 5-11 are underway. Appointments can be scheduled at the Battle Creek and Albion Health Department; walk-ins are accepted on Fridays. Oaklawn and Bronson hospitals as well as pediatric offices are also offering the vaccine.

Project Access

Black presented a Syringe Service Program (SSP) update. The update included: CCPHD is working with the Battle Creek Police Department and the Homeless Coalition to identify areas of greater need. We currently have one client and are working to get him connected to the resources including HIV testing, HepC treatment, and a recovery coach. We have also been requested to participate in an interview regarding SSP implementation in Michigan by Johns Hopkins University.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31am

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