



Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2020

Board of Health

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson
Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair
Sonja Elder
Rebecca Fleury
Steve Frisbie
Nancy Mullett

Health Department

Eric Pessell, Health Officer
Kevin Green
Brigette Reichenbaugh
Lauren Smith

County

Kelli Scott, County Administrator
Megan Banning, Deputy Controller
Gary Thompkins, Board of Commissioners

Meeting called to order

Byrne called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Frisbie moved for approval of the consent agenda. Mullett supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Finance Update

Banning presented the March 2020 Month-End Update. The update included:

- Year-to-date financials noting that revenues and expenditures are lower than last year's percentage due to reduced services as a result of COVID-19 response.

Health Officer's Report

Pessell presented the Health Officer report. The report included:

- COVID-19:
 - Hospitalizations are decreasing
 - Health Department does not administer COVID-19 testing

- The Albion and Homer communities are in need of testing, as well as our homeless population
- Testing is open to asymptomatic individuals, healthcare and essential workers, it appears that there are plenty testing supplies
- The State of Michigan has the ability to process 450 tests per day. By the end of June, 15,000 tests per day will be processed

Deputy Health Officer's Update

Reichenbaugh provided a staffing update, the update included:

- Many CCPHD employees from all divisions are working together on the COVID-19 response
- Several employees continue to work from home
- CCPHD reduced services when COVID-19 began

COVID-19 Response Update

Green and Smith provided a COVID-19 response update, that included:

- The Communicable Disease (CD) team working on the COVID-19 response increased from two CD nurses to 12, and one program assistant to nine clerical support staff
- There are five nurse teams, consisting of one lead nurse and one contact nurse, and one rotating group of nurses
- Support staff enters critical information. As of today, 1,749 cases have been entered into the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS)
- Grace Health and Bronson Battle Creek are testing sites, they are able to identify high risk populations
- The program assistant has sent over 700 isolation and quarantine letters to date
- Of those that have passed away from COVID-19, all had underlying medical conditions

Environmental Health Update

Green provided an Environmental Health update, the update included:

- Tick drags will start next week for vector surveillance
- Staff continue to evaluate septic and well failures
- Contacts with restaurants via phone

Budget Committee Members

Byrne, Elder, and Frisbie volunteered to be on the FY21 budget committee. A meeting will be scheduled via zoom to discuss next year's budget.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

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