



## Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021

### **Board of Health**

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

### **Health Department**

Eric Pessell, Health Officer  
Kevin Green  
Vivian Holdcraft  
Victor Jovanovich  
Ruth Reese  
Brigette Reichenbaugh  
Amanda Smith

### **County**

Kelli Scott, County Administrator  
Lucy Blair, Communications Manager  
Megan Banning  
Derek King

### **Meeting called to order**

Byrne called the meeting to order 8:03am.

### **Agenda**

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

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Public Comment**

No public comment

### **COVID-19 Response Update**

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

- Number of vaccinations
- Determining weekly allocation
- First and second doses received this week were 975 each
- Vaccine limitation is limiting our clinic sizes and vaccinations provided
- Continuing case investigations and working on a new State app to assist us with case investigations

- Schools are in Phase 1B-A; estimating clinics within schools will begin in February
- Davis asked about the number of vaccines ordered:
  - Seniors (65 and older) were originally in Phase 1C; in January they were moved to 1B (24-hour notice);
- Tried ordering 3,000/week but received 975. The new process is by allocation via the State and we are expecting 975/week until the allocations change and/or vaccine becomes available
- Elder asked about partnerships with pharmacies assisting with vaccine administration;
  - Pessell reiterated that we need more vaccine
  - There is conversation at the State level that we are the distributors of vaccine to local partners
  - Frisbie asked where pharmacies are with vaccinating the assigned groups:
    - ◆ Awaiting vaccines; for those that get/got dropped, we are doing those
  - Asked for some type of report to indicate how well they've done with nursing homes; Holdcraft will ask our regional MCIR coordinator
- Pessell highlighted the partnerships with the hospitals to include vaccine transfer and partnerships to assist CCPHD with vaccinating Phase 1A
- Byrne and Davis provided compliments and shared the positive feedback received from clinics and their personal experience
- Byrne also asked about reporting our vaccine numbers

## **Financials**

Banning presented a financial update. The update included:

- Banning introduced Reese, Staff Accountant, to the BOH
- Year-end numbers will be presented once audited
- Initial numbers were presented
- Fund balance addition was approximately \$500,000 due to CARES funding and COVID funding
- Highlighted COVID expenditures:
  - FY20:
    - ◆ Payroll around \$600,000
    - ◆ Payroll other expenses about \$27,000
    - ◆ Total COVID expenses about \$950,000
  - FY21:
    - ◆ Grants awarded to CCPHD:
      - \$130,000 – COVID-19 Contact Tracing Award
      - Approximately \$60,000 – COVID-19 Immunizations Award
      - Approximately \$118,000 – CDC COVID-19 Immunizations Grant

## **Environmental Health**

- Green provided an update on the algae bloom at Graham Lake

## **Other**

Frisbie announced that he is stepping down from the Board of Health and that Derek King will begin serving as the Board of Commission representative to the Board of Health in February 2021. Board of Health members thanked Frisbie for his many years of service to the Board of Health and for his commitment to the health of Calhoun County residents.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:46am.**

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](mailto:asmith@calhouncountymi.gov)