



LENAWEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MINUTES
Board of Health
February 17, 2021

**** Meeting held via Zoom ****

Present: John Tuckerman, John Frye, Terry Collins, Lee Ann Minton, Dr. Lorrie Tritt

Also Present: Martha Hall, Monica Hunt, Kasee Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Susie Dice, Angie Carlton, Marty Marshall, Dr. Dennis Chernin

CALL TO ORDER

The February 17, 2021 Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by BOH Chair John Tuckerman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dr. Lorrie Tritt supported by Lee Ann Minton, to approve the February 17, 2021 BOH agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lee Ann Minton supported by Dr. Lorrie Tritt, to approve the January 20, 2021 BOH meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

REVIEW OF MONTHLY VOUCHER LIST

Accounts Payable (AP) Invoice Report [January 2021] – The monthly AP Invoice Report (full text on file), was reviewed. Clarification was requested on the following:

- Vendor 6366 – Martha Hall: paid by EFT #24919 for \$99.96 – Folding Tables
- Vendor 10105 – Hoyden Creative Group LLC: paid by EFT #24925 for \$16,054.19 – Website Management

There was discussion regarding the future bidding process for services provided by Hoyden Creative Group LLC.

Motion by Dr. Lorrie Tritt supported by John Frye to approve the January 2021 AP Report. Motion carried, 5-0.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

COVID-19 Cases – As of 02/17/2021 there are 5792 confirmed cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Lenawee County, this is an increase of 659 cases since last month; there are 397 active cases. The percentage of COVID-19 tests returning positive has been on a downward trend for several weeks. The epidemiologic risk in Lenawee County still remains at level E, which is considered high.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Weekly vaccine distribution is ongoing and continues to be based on vaccine availability. There is a new scheduling process in place, which allows a larger volume of emails to be sent at one time and allows individuals that are currently registered to receive weekly email updates. The EOC continues to meet daily to have conversations of how to better serve the community moving forward with vaccine distribution. The health department is currently working with Promedica to align efforts to make sure that Lenawee County residents are vaccinated according to the strategies outlined by the State of Michigan. There is a federal partnership with select pharmacies in Michigan; Meijer, Rite-Aid, and Cardinal Pharmacy (located in the Upper Peninsula), these pharmacies receive vaccine directly from the federal government for distribution. This week the health department received 700 first doses of Moderna vaccine, and last week 900 first doses were received.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Chernin presented information explaining herd immunity in detail, and reinforced the importance of continuing to practice public health strategies to mitigate COVID-19. Dr. Chernin addressed questions from BOH members.

OLD BUSINESS

Medina/Hudson Township – The health department continues to have conversation with the new owners regarding establishing an escrow account or possibly reclassifying the structure to something other than a home. The BOH will be kept apprised.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Personal Health – *Monthly Clinic Statistics*: Natalie reviewed the PHN Monthly Statistics for January 2021, (full text on file). Natalie announced the retirement of Program Secretary, Penny Frederick. Penny has been an employee since 1979. There have been very few confirmed influenza cases reported in southwest Michigan this year, to date, there have been 20 confirmed cases of influenza in Michigan. At this time last year, there were 20,000 confirmed influenza cases in the state.

Environmental Health - *Monthly Well/Septic Reports*: Kasee reviewed the Well & Septic Permits/Applications for January 2021, (full text on file). Kasee reported things have been consistent with well & septic.

Monthly Restaurant Inspection Reports: Kasee reviewed the Monthly Restaurant Inspections for January 2021, (full text on file). Indoor dining has resumed effective 02/01/2021, some establishments have chosen to remain closed for indoor service.

The Sanitarian I position has been filled by Cameron Vinton, Cameron's first day with the health department was 02/09/2021.

Emergency Preparedness – No Emergency Preparedness report submitted. Susie reported she remains busy with volunteer management for the vaccine clinics at the fairgrounds.

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Financial – Monica reported department finances are on track; many of the COVID-19 grants ending in December 2020 have been extended. The health department will be receiving two additional COVID grants, which will assist with expenses.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT - The Lenawee County BOH meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM by BOH Chair John Tuckerman.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenawee County Board of Health
John Tuckerman BOH Chair
Angie Carlton, BOH Secretary

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