

Wayne County

Board of Health

Thursday January 21st, 2021

Commissioner's and County Council Chambers

401 East Main Street

Richmond, Indiana

Board Members Present:

Dr. Paul Rider
Peter Zaleski
Robert Coddington
John Lebo

Board Members Via Telcon/Zoom:

Jeff Butler
Dr. Jon Igelman
Sabrina Pennington

Present:

Dr. David Jetmore, MD Health Officer
Christine Stinson, Executive Director, WCHD
Tamra Webb, Recording Secretary
Janice Shaver, Lead Registrar
Ken Paust, Wayne County Commissioner, President

Determination of Quorum and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Rider called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum. Dr. Rider asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jon Igelman motioned the approval and was seconded by Peter Zaleski.

Election of Officers for 2021:

John Lebo made a motion for Dr. Rider to remain President Chairman and Jeff Butler to remain Vice President Chairman and was seconded by Peter Zaleski. Peter Zaleski moved for nomination to be closed and was seconded by Jon Igelman and passed unanimously. Dr. Rider voted on the nomination which combine that both himself as President and Jeff Butler as Vice President and roll call vote passed unanimously.

Health Officer Report:

Dr. Jetmore reported the States positivity rate after the Holidays got above 16% and Wayne County over 12% keeping Wayne County at level orange. This week the positivity rate is coming back down to around 9%. Wayne County continues to see about 30 to 60 cases of Covid-19 each day and 6 deaths so far in January. As of today, Wayne County has had a total of 6,037 cases and 164 deaths.

Executive Director Report:

Stinson informs the vaccinations clinic for Covid-19 opened last week on Monday and currently administering between 100 to 140 doses each day. The state currently has allotted 600 doses per week. Stinson stated we could easily double that amount with help of volunteers that have committed to helping. Stinson gave information about the stand-by list for the vaccine. She stated the vaccine is very sensitive to temperature. With having 10 doses in each vial and once taken out of the freezer it can then be refrigerated for 30 days and once you in cap and insert a needle to drawl out the first dose you then have 6 hours to use on a total of 10 people. Stinson stated with only getting 600 from the State each week, every bottle is valuable. At the end of each night if there are any cancelations that leaves extra doses that needs used or will need to be thrown out. So, trying to avoid wasting we have created a stand-by list to those who have an underlying condition and is close to the age requirement and teachers with health issues. When called they will need to be able to come in within 30 minutes. With doing this we have not had to waste any vials. Stinson updated that the mobile unit will be here soon! When it gets here and we receive more vaccinations from the State we can start going out and

administering Covid-19 vaccines to the surrounding towns in the county such as Cambridge City, Fountain City, and Hagerstown.

Janice Shaver (head registrar) gave a report on how the new registration platform for birth and death is going. After 14 years the State has rolled out a new platform on January 4th, 2021. Janice stated the death portion is doing good with just a few minor issues and can process and print certificates. As far as the birth portion, it is not working correctly with several issues and we have not been able to pull any 2021 births through to register or process and is accumulating with 45 births thus far. Janice stated the State is fervently working to try and resolve and fix all issues. The problem occurring is in all Counties in Indiana. We have not been given a timeline as to when the problems will be worked out. The Health Department asks that anyone needing a birth certificate to please be patient, there is nothing we can do on our end. The reason for the new system is that the previous platform was not compatible with the new Microsoft update also money was a factor.

New Business:

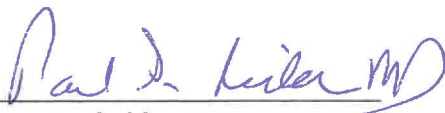
Stinson informs on the ACLU letter. There was a complaint filed over our Facebook page on the filters we use. The ACLU letter stated our stance on having filters for our Facebook page. The page is only for accurate informational communication to the public with no need for comments. Stinson stated she thinks our page is worth keeping. The page has had great response with views on informational videos and posts. She stated if the Judge decides we need to remove our filters that the board will need to further discuss on keeping the page or taking it down.

Stinson reported the contract for the 340B has inaccurate information on some things and needs changed before signing. Peter Zaleski gives information on how the 340B contract works and why we need it. Zaleski stated the program will help bring revenue for the Health Department. The Health Department is eligible for this program through the HIV grant that will administer through the Health Department. There is several legalese in tracking on what HHS does with the 340B program and trying to manage that would be impossible. They will want to make sure the prescription is written by a practitioner within the clinic, then does it qualify as a manufacturer that participates in the 340B program and is the insurance an insurance company that can be billed and shared revenue from the 340B programs. Zaleski stated if you are non-compliant there can be penalties that would be assessed through HHS. The third party administers whom will manage the logistics and the legal requirements of these 340B programs. Chris Simons has worked with a couple of companies on getting particulars on the contract costs. He was able to get a quote being between \$500-\$750 a month rather than other quotes as much as \$1,500-\$2,000 a month. The Contract in mind is Verity Solutions. Waiting on our attorney Ron Cross to look over everything and if everything looks good the board will need to decide for an approval in a future meeting.

The next Health Board meeting will be Thursday, February 18th, 2021 at 12:00pm. Location will be at Commissioner's and County Council Chambers.

Motion to Adjourn:

Peter Zaleski made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jon Igelman with no objections.



Paul Rider, MD



Date