

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 19th, 2022

7:00am to 8:00am

Phone Conference ID: 129 005 271#

CALL TO ORDER @ 0702

Introductions: Completed

BOH Members Present: Dr. Maggie Mangold, Wendy Michels, Pat Jorgenson, Braxton Morrison

Staff: Katie Cox, Barbara Greenlee, Marc Greenlee

Guests: Diana Strahan

Approve Minutes: 1st Wendy, 2nd Dr. Mangold, motion passed unanimously.

Approve Agenda: 1st Dr. Mangold, 2nd Wendy, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Guest speaker: Diana Strahan update on the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Programs
2. LPH updates for FY23. Becky Nowachek, Region 6 Community Health Consultant.
 - a) Zoom option for your BOH meetings. You need to have a quorum present (in person) in order to conduct business.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Covid-19: County Updates, Benton County increased cases. Per CDC High, 293 cases in the last 7 days. 23%.
2. Vaccine planning/updates: Benton County Public Health along with Community Partners; LaGrange Pharmacy, Cornerstone Apothecary, Hy-Vee Pharmacy, and the Unity Point and VGH Hospital & Clinics have continued COVID-19 vaccination efforts. 56.2% of Benton County residents have been fully vaccinated with boosters. We continue to coordinate efforts and provide vaccine at multiple locations throughout the county to make accessible to everyone. Public Health providing at home services and on-site vaccine clinics to ensure vaccine coverage within the county. Booster doses underway, along with Pfizer doses for ages 5-11 and starting soon to offer Pfizer adult and adolescent doses. Vaccine walk-in clinics available, no waitlists. January 2022 monthly walk in clinic to be posted for community.

RMCC Data for Region 6: (Increased)

- COVID19 patients in hospital – 230
 - COVID19 patients in ICU-36
 - COVID19 admits in last 24 hours – 39
 - ICU beds available-38, 3 new hospitalizations in the last 7 days.
 - 2 LTC outbreaks in Benton County
 - 69 deaths in Benton County. Total deaths in Iowa 8,317
 - 61% hospitalized with COVID19 primary diagnosis
3. Emergency Preparedness: Continue to meet for COVID19 as needed, Benton County Disaster Relief Coalition meeting quarterly Thursdays. 2020 Derecho complete. COVID-19 AAR planning stages. PHEP Grant funds submitted end of June. HVA and POD plan submitted to state 11/1/21.
 4. Communicable Diseases: Benton County Public Health doing school follow up, as able and continue on-call 24/7 for assistance. Amanda will be primary coordinator for Flu clinics and School audits this year, audits completed October 2021. Standing Flu order Signed 9/23/21 per Dr. Mangold. Temp vaccine nurses for clinics x 3 hired with COVID19 funds Jan 2022.
 5. Local Public Health Services Grant: September 2021, amount: 62,867.00. Subcontract signed per Dr. Mangold and by VGH Board and submitted September. COVID19 response funds –CHNA underway for 2022.
 6. Strategic Planning updates for Public Health.
 - a. FB page implementation (Current IT issues)
 - b. Vaccine waitlist (completed); voicemail/email
 - c. Public Health direct line
 - d. Marketing for Vaccine
 - e. Epic/IRIS documentation for vaccine clinics
 - f. Community events: VGH Health Fair, Ag Day, Shellsburg Big Day, Benton County Fair, Party in the Park
 - g. July – Food safety
August – Immunizations
September – Vaccine Hesitancy campaign
October – Halloween safety, Flu vaccine campaign/clinics
December- Holiday Gatherings
Jan 2022 – Free COVID19 tests

HOME HEALTH

1. PPE usage: Home Health providers use the CMS website weekly as it is risk adjusted, for county positivity each week. Benton County at 10%, substantial.
2. DIA Survey December 2021
3. Home Health Fully staffed December 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

1. 2021 Annual Report: Marc Greenlee presented the 2021 Environmental Health Report of Activities for the Board's review.

Public Comments: None

ADJOURNMENT @ 0752

1st Braxton 2nd Wendy. (BOH Approval)

Next Meeting: March 16th, 2022. 0700-0800.