

**Marion County Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes**

December 15, 2020  
7:00 P.M. Via TelSpan Conference Call

Board Members Present: Creighton Engel, Tom Turner, Keith Kessler, Kendra Taylor, Mike Morton, Kyle Clark and Paula Strother.

Others Present: Melissa Mallow, Administrator; Shelley Yoder, Director of Clinical Services; Caitlyn Crain, Public Health Nurse; Terri Adams, Director of Family Services; Kasey Angeloni, Supervising Sanitarian; Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary; and Bruce Kropp, WJBD Radio.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Marion County Board of Health met on December 15, 2020 via TelSpan Conference Call. Tom Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. QUORUM**

A quorum of seven board members were present.

**III. MINUTES**

Paula Strother made a motion to accept the September Quarterly Board of Health meeting minutes as presented; Keith Kessler seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The minutes were approved.

**IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Tom Turner called for a review of the financial report. Melissa Mallow reported the cash flow balance at the end of the 4th Quarter is \$975,422.82.

The revenue for the end of the 4th Quarter is \$1,471,335.25 or 114% of the budget.

Expenditures for FY20 were \$1,275,513.95, which is 106% of the budget. Revenue over Expenditures are +\$195,821.30.

Accounts Receivable are \$112,799.81.

FCM owes \$28,782.42

WIC \$19,001.20

Emergency Preparedness \$16,669.61

Public Aid \$1,250.00

Medicare \$9,980.00

Managed Care \$13,536.00

Mike Morton made a motion to accept the financial report; Kendra Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The financial report was approved.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

None to report.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Activities:**

#### **1. Environmental Health: Kasey Angeloni, Supervising Sanitarian**

This quarter Ms. Angeloni reviewed the building plan of the new Centralia Domino's. Kasey gave two germ presentations at Little Lamb Preschool in Salem. Dan Tahtinen, Health Inspector, has 77% of the fall school inspections completed before schools started closing for remote learning.

#### **2. Nursing:**

STD testing continued to be suspended due to COVID-19. This quarter 38 Chlamydia, 25 Gonorrhea and 1 Syphilis case was reported to the health department. All cases were investigated and submitted to IDPH. Additionally another 14 out of jurisdiction cases were completed and submitted to IDPH.

#### **Lead Poisoning Prevention Services:**

This quarter, Mary Williams reported that 2 confirmed venous lead cases were opened. 2 public health nurse interviews were conducted over the phone and 1 confirmed venous lead case was closed due to closure criteria met. Lead nursing home visits remain suspended due to COVID-19. Phone interviews continue to be utilized in place of home visits. Currently there are 10 open confirmed cases and 5 elevated capillary lead cases waiting on venous confirmation.

#### **TB Monitoring:**

1 client was reported this quarter due to a positive TB skin test. The client had a follow up negative chest x-ray and the case was closed. No active TB cases were reported.

**Lab Tests:**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> Jeanette Wangler was hired as our new phlebotomist. Jeanette now sees patients at the Centralia office 2 days per week on Mondays and Tuesdays and 2 days per week at the Salem office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. 65 clients had private pay labs drawn & 1 client had labs drawn through our "Lab Card" service. No lab specials were offered this quarter due to COVID-19.

**Drug Testing:**

No patient requests for urine drug tests were received this quarter.

**Communicable Diseases:**

95 communicable disease reports were investigated this quarter. Out of the 95 reports that were received, 80 met the criteria to be classified as a probable or confirmed case. All cases were investigated and submitted to IDPH.

**Animal Bites:**

This quarter 3 animal bites were reported.

**FIT tests:**

No patient requests for FIT tests were received this quarter.

**Immunizations:**

This quarter during the months of September and October, 15 immunization clinics were held. A total of 535 adult vaccines were administered and 545 adult clients served. A total of 450 pediatric vaccines were administered and 231 pediatric clients served.

**COVID-19:**

This quarter a total of 1,869 COVID-19 cases were reported to the local health department.

308 cases in September, 585 cases in October and 976 cases in November. All counted cases in September and October have been closed as either completed, unresponsive, unable to locate or deceased. As of December 14<sup>th</sup> there are 78 remaining open cases that were counted in November that still need to be closed. In November we saw an explosion of reported COVID cases that coincided with an increase in local testing sites such as Pharmacies, Stores, IDPH mobile testing sites, local health departments, local healthcare providers and long term care facilities utilizing rapid antigen and molecular testing methods on site.

**Flu Clinics:**

23 off-site flu clinics were scheduled this fall to begin in September and run through October. This year we received small amounts of dose allotments of flu vaccine.

Since we depleted our flu vaccine stock due to the shipping allotments, 5 out of the 7 sites rescheduled when flu vaccine became available and 2 sites permanently cancelled. 5 other scheduled sites cancelled clinics this year due to COVID-19. A total of 7 off-site clinics self cancelled, 16 off-site clinics were held and 193 flu vaccines were administered. I wanted to thank Pam Snyder RN who previously worked for the health department as a WIC nurse for working this year to administer off-site flu vaccinations.

**Retirement:**

Ms. Yoder announced that she will be retiring on January 5, 2021. Caitlyn Crain has been hired as the new Director of Clinical Services. Caitlyn was previously employed at the Clinton County Health Department. Her first day at the Marion County Health Department was on November 30th and she has been currently training with Ms. Yoder.

**a. Terri Adams; Director of Family Services**

WIC Caseload for September was 94%, October was 95% and November was 93%.

WIC appointments continue to be over the phone due to the rise in covid cases.

**FCM**

Family Case Management review is December 16, 2020 which will be conducted over the phone.

**HWIL**

Healthworks which are now followed by managed care and not DHS, continue to be a high amount with 96 cases currently.

**3. Administration: Melissa Mallow**

**Grants**

In November the Local Health Departments were informed by IDPH that since the CARES Act was funding a portion of the Contact Tracing grant that 50% of our total award must be fully expended or legally obligated by December 30, 2020. Our total awarded was \$620,411.00 thus meaning we must use/spend \$310,205.50 by December 30, 2020.

### **IPLAN**

IPLAN was originally due on April 30, 2021. Due to the health departments role with the COVID-19 pandemic, IDPH has extended our application deadline by six months to October 30, 2021.

### **Lawsuit**

Ms. Mallow was served papers on November 18<sup>th</sup> dealing with a lawsuit filed by Orphan Smokehouse in Centralia. The lawsuit is against Governor Prizker, Dr. Ezike, Director of IDPH and all Region 5 local health department administrators. Missy spoke with the new State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth on December 15. Mr. Hudspeth stated that an outside law firm will be representing Region 5. The law firm will soon be setting up a Zoom meeting with all the Region 5 administrators and their State's Attorney's.

### **COVID-19**

The health department's role continues to be educating the public and dealing with cases and their contacts and eventually vaccinating the public. We continue to post information for the public on our website and Facebook page. Ms. Mallow is still posting daily COVID numbers to our Facebook page and emailing those numbers to the media. Missy is still hosting conference calls twice a week with the various stakeholders.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

Marion County was selected as one of the first 50 counties to receive the Pfizer ultra cold vaccine based upon our high death rate per capita. The vaccine will be administered in phases. Phase 1a is Healthcare, LTC and EMS. Phase 1b is Essential Frontline Workers and Phase 1c is adults 65 years or older that have high risk medical conditions. Bill Thouvenin, our Emergency Response Coordinator, will be picking up the county's week 1 allotment which is for hospitals only. CVS and Walgreens will be vaccinating the LTC facilities.

## **VII. FY19 Audit**

Franklin and Vaughn are still working on the health departments audit.

**2021 Board of Health Meeting Dates**

March 16, 2021 Centralia office

June 15, 2021 Salem office

September 21, 2021 Centralia office

December meeting date is tabled until a later date.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session was not needed at this time.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Kendra Taylor made a motion for adjournment at 7:24 p.m.; Creighton Engel seconded the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021; 7 pm, at the Centralia office.

  

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Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary

December 16, 2020  
Date