

**Marion County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes**

June 16, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Tele Conference due to COVID-19 Restrictions

Board Members Present Via Tele Conference: Kendra Taylor, Keith Kessler, Mike Morton, Tom Turner, Aziz Rahman, and Paula Strother.

Others Present: Melissa Mallow, Administrator; Shelley Yoder, Director of Clinical Services; Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary and Kasey Angeloni, Supervising Sanitarian; Bruce Kropp, WJBD Radio, and Dennis Rosenberger, Salem Times Commoner.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Marion County Board of Health met via TelSpan Tele Conference on June 16, 2020. Mike Morton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. QUORUM

A quorum of six board members were present.

III. MINUTES

Paula Strother made a motion to accept the December 2019 Quarterly Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Aziz Rahman seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The minutes were approved.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mike Morton called for a review of the financial report. Melissa Mallow reported the cash flow balance at the end of the 2nd Quarter is \$773,596.59.

The revenue for the end of the 2nd Quarter is \$550,638.94, or 43% of the budget.

Expenditures over revenue for the end of the 2nd Quarter is \$-6,004.93.

Accounts Receivable are \$174,654,47.

Outstanding grants to be received.

Family Case Management is \$89,533.00

WIC is \$36,754.68

Public Aid Billing is \$2,540.00

Medicare is \$195.00

Managed Care is \$4,920.00

Tom Turner made a motion to accept the financial report; Keith Kessler seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The financial report was approved.

VI. Old Business

None to report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Activities:

1. Environmental Health: Kasey Angeloni, Supervising Sanitarian, Melissa Mallow presented.

Kasey Angeloni was hired as the Supervising Sanitarian and began employment March 10, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic so soon after Kasey's hire, Ms. Mallow has not fully trained Kasey in the Environmental Health Department. Kasey became the lead contact tracer during the pandemic.

During the pandemic, IDPH requested that LHD's not perform routine food inspections, only do complaint inspections. During the pandemic, Environmental Staff was disseminating the various COVID-19 information and guidelines to restaurants, schools, grocery stores, funeral homes, factories, nursing homes and other congregate settings. Since we are now in Phase 3, the health department is back to doing routine food inspections.

On June 11, 2020, Melissa received a complaint phone call from a Marion County restaurant that Sharon's Café in Salem was allowing inside dining. Dan, our Health Inspector, went to Sharon's Café and spoke with the owner and expressed that inside dining was not allowed in Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan, at this time only outside dining, curbside pickup or delivery was a part of Phase 3. Dan did inform them that inside dining would be allowed in Phase 4, which is in 2 weeks. On June 12, 2020 Representative Blaine Wilhour visited various restaurants in Marion County and told them the health department had no authority to tell them they could not have indoor dining. Melissa contacted Bill Milner, our State's Attorney, to advise. Mr. Milner stated no judge would side with the health department when a small business is trying to stay open to make a living. Also that inside dining is no more harmful to the public than Wal-Mart that is full of shoppers. At this time, the health department is advising the restaurants to not go against the Governor's Executive Orders and do inside dining. If they decide to go against the Governor's Orders then we are asking them to take precautions to protect the public's health by:

keep tables 6 feet apart, employees wear face masks, frequent hand washing by all staff, and disinfect dining room often.

3. Nursing:

a. Shelley Yoder, Director of Clinical Services

STD Testing Information:

In March, 1 GC/Chlamydia urine test was done, then due to COVID-19 the STD testing services were suspended. Currently from January through May there were 80 Chlamydia and 28 GC cases reported.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Services:

22 screening capillary lead tests were done and 1 lead risk assessment form was completed this quarter. 1 new confirmed lead poisoning case was opened. All nursing lead home visits were suspended due to COVID-19. All case management issues were handled via phone.

TB Monitoring:

No active TB cases were reported this quarter. During immunization clinics, 33 TB tests were administered and 4 TB risk assessment forms were completed.

Lab Tests:

125 clients had private pay labs drawn and 8 clients had labs drawn through our "Lab Card" service. No lab specials were offered this quarter due to COVID-19 and appointments were spaced apart to allow only 1 client in the building at a time, reducing the number of clients that could be served this quarter.

Drug Testing:

No urine drug tests were completed this quarter.

Communicable Diseases:

157 communicable disease reports were investigated this quarter. Out of the 157 reports that were received, 116 met the criteria to be classified as a suspect, probable or confirmed case. A total of 167 completed Communicable Disease case reports were submitted to IDPH this quarter.

FIT Tests:

On March 2nd a public service announcement was released for colorectal awareness month regarding colon cancer. Free colon cancer screening kits or FIT kits were offered to residents. This quarter 4 FIT screenings were completed. 2 were positive and 2 were negative. The client's that had positive or abnormal results were referred to their Primary Healthcare provider for a colonoscopy referral.

Immunizations:

This quarter 25 immunization clinics were held. A total of 97 adult vaccines were administered and 105 adult clients served. A total of 354 pediatric vaccines were administered and 122 pediatric clients served. All immunization clinics were spaced apart to allow only 1 client or family in the building at a time, reducing the number of clients that could be served this quarter.

COVID-19:

This quarter a total of 51 cases of COVID-19 were reported. 51 cases and 144 contacts were managed by the health department. Nursing staff from the WIC and Immunization programs were pulled to assist with contacting and interviewing cases to obtain contact and clinical information as well as entering the case information into INEDSS which is the electronic reporting data base that Illinois uses to track infectious disease cases. WIC, environmental health, lab and clerical staff assisted with calling contacts to obtain temperature and symptom information twice daily until release criteria was met. To date 56 cases of COVID-19 have been reported to the health department. 1,811 persons have been tested for COVID-19. Currently Marion County has a 3% positivity rate.

b. Terri Adams; Director of Family Services, Presented by Melissa Mallow**WIC Caseload**

March 93%

April 92%

May 89%

During the COVID-19 restrictions, the WIC Department has been doing curbside WIC. Appointments are by phone, clients park in the parking lot and WIC coupons are taken out to them.

I-WIC System Implementation

The week of June 15 – June 19, WIC staff are training for the I-WIC System. The new WIC EBT card system will go live on June 22nd.

Family Case Management

During the COVID pandemic, FCM services have been limited due to appointments not being face to face.

Healthworks

Still have not received word on if or when we will no longer be managing healthworks caseloads. Currently we are at 99 cases.

4. Administration: Melissa Mallow

In March, COVID-19 hit Illinois. The health department's role was educating the public and dealing with cases and contacts. Melissa did PSA's for WJBD and countless interviews with the various media. Also information was posted on our Facebook page and website. The case numbers and information was posted on Facebook and emailed to the local media daily. March 23, Ms. Mallow began hosting daily conference calls with Salem Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Salem Police and Fire Departments, Centralia Police and Fire Departments, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Salem/Centralia EMS, Marion County EMA, Local Red Cross, Murray Center, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and City Manager's for Salem and Centralia. These calls allowed us to be able to give COVID-19 reports and ask questions. May 12, the conference calls went to Tuesday's and Thursday's only.

The health department has given PPE to the hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and group homes in Marion County. The PPE was provided to the health department by the State of Illinois.

We have given COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test kits out to One Hope United, Centralia Manor, Odin Nursing Home and the local Veteran's Affairs office.

March 18, Ms. Mallow limited access to the lobbies at both offices to one client at a time. We blocked out appointment times to allow this to happen. WIC had become curbside at this time as well. Monday, June 29, the health department will be fully open since we will be in Phase 4. We will require clients to maintain social distancing and wear masks while in the lobbies. As of today, there have been 1,857 tests conducted in Marion County. 56 positive and 1,801 negative.

Grants

Ms. Mallow has submitted applications for the DHS FY21 grants for FCM, WIC, Breast Feeding Peer Counselor, High Risk Infant and WIC Farmer's Market. IDPH has created a new FY20 Grant, COVID-19 Contact Tracing 2020, which Melissa has also submitted for.

The health department has signed agreements to be a provider for the SSMHealth Insurance and WellFirst Health.

Franklin and Vaughn has begun working on our audit.

VIII. 2021 RAISES

The 2021 raises were tabled until the September Board of Health Meeting.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session not needed at this time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Turner made a motion for adjournment at 7:29 p.m.; Paula Strother seconded the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020, 7 pm, at the Centralia office.



Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary

June 18, 2020
Date