



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 06, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Peer at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Peer, Supervisor Rynes, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Winter, Mr. Gresens, Ms. Kolste, Supervisor Williams and Dr. Somaraju.

Board of Health Members Absent: Supervisor Wilde

Staff Members Present: Michelle Bailey – Assistant Director/Interim Health Officer; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Matt Wesson – Environmental Health Supervisor; Kelsey Cordova – Public Health Supervisor; Alison Chouinard – Community Health Education Coordinator; Nick Zupan – Epidemiologist; Lori Soderberg – Public Health Supervisor; Jessica Turner – Communications Specialist; Chelsea Phillips – Public Health Nurse; Seth Loncar – Administrative Services Supervisor; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Josh Smith – County Administrator; Terri Carlson – Corporation Counsel, Risk Manager; Dr. Jay MacNeal – Mercyhealth; Michelle – Citizen; Sheryl Hengeveld – Citizen; William Uffenbeck – Citizen; Jim – Citizen; Lisa – Citizen; Pam – Citizen.

Adopt Agenda

Ms. Kolste made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Rynes seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 12/2/2020

Dr. Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/2/2020 Board of Health meetings. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Chair Peer, Supervisor Rynes, Dr. Winter, Mr. Gresens, Ms. Kolste, Dr. Meyers and Supervisor Williams were present. Dr. Somaraju joined after roll call. Supervisor Wilde was not present. 7 PRESENT. 2 ABSENT.

Citizen Participation

Ms. DeWitt read the Recommendation of the Rock County Vaccine Advisory Committee.

Dr. MacNeal from Mercyhealth spoke about this recommendation in regards to their concerns about it, along with the importance of Public Health vaccinating eligible community members.

New Business

Administrative Division

Transfer of Funds Over \$5,000

No transfer of funds over \$5,000.

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's December payments in the amount of \$3,825.74.

Health Department Report

In the News

Ms. Bailey reported on the struggle it will be to find the capacity to have the Rock County Public Health Department to provide community-wide vaccines.

Mr. Wietersen reported on the overwhelming response to vaccinating so many people. He broke the numbers down to include hospitals, clinics, EMS, pharmacists, schools, universities, etc. He suggested the new vaccine coordinator could reach out to all of those partners to see how we could collaborate in order to successfully complete mass vaccinations in a timely manner.

Ms. Kolste questioned whether or not the County has authority to vaccinate in masses.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Chouinard responded accordingly.

Ms. Soderberg touched base on the new variant of COVID-19 that has emerged in England. She commented on facts on how much more contagious it is, which can lead to higher numbers of cases and more hospitalizations.

Dr. Somaraju reported on additional factors regarding the new strains of COVID-19 and also the infusions COVID-19 patients are currently receiving.

Mr. Zupan provided the Board members with the current COVID-19 data.

Mr. Smith commented that CVS pharmacy did come in and begin vaccinating residents and staff at Rock Haven.

Dr. Meyers asked about those who have already been infected with COVID-19 and whether or not they would benefit from the vaccine. Ms. Soderberg and Dr. Somaraju responded accordingly that after 90 days of infection, they would be eligible to receive it.

Surveillance

Nothing to report.

Community Events/Outreach



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Ms. Soderberg commented on the testing site at Blackhawk Tech. The Rock County Public Health Department has currently taken this over as the National Guard has exited this site.

Ms. Bailey reported on different types of new testing kits available to various facilities.

Mr. Wesson commented on enforcements regarding complaints against local businesses.

Ms. Chouinard commented on the number one question that has been coming in to the Rock County Public Health Department, which is when and where people can receive the vaccine.

Ms. Turner followed up with additional points regarding communications on when people will be receiving the vaccine. Beyond Phase 1A, the Rock County Public Health Department has not received a lot of information as to who will be included in future phases.

Budget

Ms. Bailey reported that the Rock County Public Health Department is still waiting on federal and state allocations.

Personnel

Ms. Cordova introduced Chelsea Phillips as the newest Public Health Nurse. She also shared updates on the Health Educator recruitment process. Several applicants are being invited for the 2nd round of interviews. She also reported that the Rock County Health Department will be adding 4 additional contact tracing positions. She also reported on the addition of students from various schools and AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) positions.

School/Superintendent Updates

Mr. Wietersen reported that final decisions regarding whether or not schools hold virtual or in-person learning is ultimately up to school administrators. Regarding athletics, as questioned by Dr. Winter, it is not the recommendation of the Rock County Public Health Department to move forward with athletics, but some schools have opted to not follow this recommendation.

Resolution: Rock County Public Health Acknowledgement

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby acknowledge Rock County Public Health for their tireless

service and dedication especially during the COVID pandemic and commend this acknowledgement to all our county's residents.

Supervisor Rynes made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Gresens seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Resolution: Accepting Public Health Consolidated Contract Grant Funds and Amending the 2020 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby authorize the Rock County Public Health Department to accept this additional funding in the amount of \$602,390 and amend the 2020 Rock County Public Health Department Budget as follows:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3202-0000-42100 Federal Aid	\$30,000	\$4,496	\$34,496
31-3203-0000-42100 Federal Aid	\$1,377,584	\$597,894	\$1,975,478
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3202-000063110 Administration Expense	\$30,000	\$4,496	\$34,496
31-3203-0000-63110 Administration Expense	\$1,377,584	\$597,894	\$1,975,478

Debra Kolste made a motion to accept the resolution. Dr. Meyers seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Resolution: Authorizing COVID-19 Response Funding and Amending the 2021 Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby authorize additional funding for COVID-19 response in the amount of \$250,000 and amend the 2021 Budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
21-2590-1000-46400 General Fund	-0-	\$250,000	\$250,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
21-2590-1000-61108 Seasonal Wages	-0-	\$30,000	\$30,000
21-2590-1000-61400 FICA	-0-	\$2,295	\$2,295
21-2590-1000-62119 Other Contracted Services	-0-	\$100,000	\$100,000
21-2590-1000-64604	-0-	\$117,705	\$117,705



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Program Expense

Dr. Winter made a motion to accept the resolution. Ms. Kolste seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Communications and Announcements

Mr. Smith reported there are 4 applicants chosen for first round interviews for the Health Officer position, which are being conducted on Monday, January 11th.

Adjournment

Dr. Somaraju made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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