

Madison County Board of Health Meeting

Thursday July23, 2020 6:00 pm

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Members

Dr. Robert Adams DDS, Chair
Dr. Suzanne Sheldon, DVM
Andrew Thomas, Public
Dr. Melissa Robinson MD
Larry Peek, Engineer
Crystal Webb, Public

Rachel Smith, RN and Vice Chair
Matthew Wechtel, Commissioner
Loretta Leake, NP
Diana Rogers, RN, Public
Hanna Hardin, Pharmacist
Dr. Marianna Daly, M.D. Ex Officio

Regular Meeting **Special Meeting**

Members Absent

Hanna Hardin, Pharmacist

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Chair, Adams

II. Approval of

Chair, Adams

a. Agenda

Chair Adams asked for motion to approve the agenda. Rachel Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr Sheldon 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Board of Health Minutes, May 28

Chair Adams asked for a motion to approve the May 28th board minutes. Dianna Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd was made by Crystal Webb. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input Session

Community

No Public input

IV. Case Study – COVID-19

Dr. Robinson

Dr. Robinson presented a COVID CASE STUDY

Middle-aged male

Asymptomatic.

Was sent to “respiratory” clinic due to travel outside of state, not due to ShOB. Had general fatigue and HA for “a few months,” (wife said 6 months). Clinician stated he had very low suspicion but still felt he should check, and that it is standard practice to tell patients who are tested that they should stay home until results are available.

Patient did not remember being told to stay home and went to work during the 6 days between test and result.

Works in medium-sized essential business, with its own Occupational Health clinicians.

Has multiple, very brief contacts with public (does not meet 15-minute contact definition).

Coworkers may have had 15-minute contact, but if so, would have been outside the business’ Occ Health plan:

essentially cubicles, must wear mask if outside cubicle. The business’ Occ Health clinician reviewed case and did

not feel employees required testing but could choose to do so individually. CDC recommendations leave room for interpretation. There is no recommendation regarding cubicles. Masks do not affect the 15-minute contact

definition* for the public since there is no reliable data on cloth masks and the general public does not have PPE training.

By the time the positive test result was reported to Health Dept, patient had been at work already for 6 days, never developed symptoms, was a few days from the end of his 10-day isolation window, and no workers at the business had reported symptoms. Contacts would need 14-day quarantine from last exposure, but since 15-minute exposure was not a required part of his job, we felt that requiring all employees to quarantine was not necessary and that it was appropriate to test individuals who believed they had such contact. We are fielding public complaints.

V. Announcements

All

Dr. Adams discussed an editorial piece that came out in the News Record. The writer had a lot of good things to say about the Health Department. He encouraged us to read the editorial.

Tammy gave update on Dr. Daly.

New Business

a. COVID-19 Updates

Tammy

- In the last week NC has seen some of their highest numbers of positive cases and hospitalization rates
 - Madison County has the second lowest number of total infections in the state. We currently have 30 cases in Madison County.
 - We are seeing multiple positive cases, that after investigation, the individuals are visiting our county and have listed Madison County as their home, while they reside elsewhere. These cases are reassigned to the correct county. We do the investigative work and provide guidance as we would for a resident; however, the numbers do not reflect in our totals.
 - Data Management, we have the state system that we have reentered and information and update, we have our electronic health records that we have to enter information in and our master list where we are coming up with the number of the people tested.
 - The Madison County Health Department has provided 10 community testing events. These have been very well received however, this is not something we can keep up doing due to all the data entry. We provide testing here at the HD 5 days a week. We are averaging about 30 tests a day and we have not stopped any of our services.
 - Numerous debriefing opportunities and identifying improvements and best practices
 - Averaging about 30 COVID-19 tests at the MCHD daily
 - We continue to use Labcorp, MAKKO and the state lab – 4-8 days. We were getting results back in 2 to 3 days but now we are now back to 4-8 days.
 - Rapid Test, a desperate need, but must have the most reliable machine available. Inquiries occurring currently. They are becoming more available, however some of the rapid tests have an error up to 20%. However, Dr. Robinson told Tammy about a rapid test with a 96 % accuracy rate.
 - Have created a two-sided sheet “Steps for people after COVID-19 Testing”
 - Continue to provide a daily update this gets posted to our website.
 - Five months of COVID-19 Hotline support, continue to take calls to help with questions, concerns and resource needs
 - Continue to provide guidance to community partners
 - Weekly EOC meeting
 - Weekly state health department webinar
 - Routine regional health department webinars
 - Monthly EPI meeting
 - Routinely meeting with Superintendent and his administration (monitoring our environment in the region, processes, schedules) We are monitoring our entire region and we are working closely with the schools.
 - Weekly meeting with MHU
 - Weekly STRIKE team meetings with long term care facilities. We did receive a check from the Dogwood Trust to help with purchasing PPE for the long care term facilities.
 - Supplies –Gowns on back order
 - Supplies – touchless soap, hand towels. We have signed a contract with a company for these items.
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- Schedules for clinic and dental. We are looking at dental and there are a lot of recommendations on how to operate a dental office. Gowns have gone up to \$7.00. We can get the washable ones through the same company.
- Dental procedures –curtains, ionizer
- Madison Friendship Fund continues to move forward with donations
- We received a grant/money from Land of Sky- Nathan Ramsey, offered to put in a grant for us for a contact Tracer. We were awarded about 30,000 dollars for a year. The individual hired must be a dislocated worker Enrolled with NC Works. We are very excited to get this person for 32 hours.
- We continue to have building challenges. If anyone could help or know of someone who could help with putting windows up for the end of the building to help with making our testing end better. Tammy offered further discussion or questions for anyone who wanted it.

b. **CD Report**

Robin

Robin presented the 2019 Communicable Disease report to the board. There were no questions or concerns.

c. **2020/2021 Budget**

Tammy

Tammy update the Board members on our budget. The Board of Health approved the Health Departments budget for the upcoming year at the May meeting. This is in accordance with General Statute 130A-39. Tammy explained that with the new County Manager, the budget process was different this year. Usually once the Board of Health approves the Health Department's budget for the upcoming year; Tammy will meet with the county manager and finance officer to review our budget before the county manager presents this to the county commissioners. However, this year with a new County Manager and COVID-19 happening this did not happen. The budget that Mark Pullum, County Manager presented to the County Commissioner's was not the one that the Board of Health voted on at our last meeting. There were several items that were either typo's or changes. After much discussion, it was recommended that Tammy meet with the County Manager and the Finance office to review the changes for clarification purposes. Once that is done, Tammy can present the budget to the Board Health for their approval.

d. **Cost Settlement**

Tammy

We bill Medicaid for services, if a service cost 100 dollars, we may initially get 50.00 dollars for that service, however, at the end of the year we file for our Medicaid Cost settlement. For years, we have been carrying our cost settlement forward. Cost settlement is Medicaid money, which is Federally money and needs to go to Medicaid funded programs. Tammy gave an example, a couple of years ago we were able to purchase a new car with Medicaid money to be used for newborn home visits, meetings, the environmental health supervisors car is rusted out but since Environmental Health is not funded through Medicaid Jamie cannot use this car. In May Tammy reported to the Board of Health that she was in discussion with the County Manager concerning our Medicaid Cost settlement. We are carrying forward money that is kept in the county's fund balance. The current County Manager states that he does not see where we are carrying this forward. The finance office did find this document stating that we were carrying over the funds and that it matched our numbers. The County is currently having the 2019 audit completed Tammy reported that she and Johnnie had the opportunity to meet with the County Manager and Finance Officer and from this meeting it is her understanding that the County Manager see's the Health Department as a very expensive program to operate and the Health Department is given money up front to operate and the cost settlement is paying the County back. This has never been Tammy's view nor the other Health Directors that Tammy has talked with about this matter. There was much discussion and concerns were expressed about this matter. Tammy will follow up with Dixon, Hughes, Goodman , they do our Medicaid Cost Settlement audit and as well as Jill Moore, the State Health Department Lawyer. She will also look at ways to prevent this from happening in the future.

e. **Contracts/MOUs**

Tammy

We are looking at a MOU with MAHEC for our MAT program, we will have a meeting with MAHEC next Wednesday to discuss a couple of items that are not very clear to us. The MOU was written for a new program and the Health Department's MAT program is not new. The state gives us 150, 000 for the 3 school nurses and \$ 50, 000 a piece does not cover their salary with fringe going up. The lead school nurse

is funded by the school. We make sure that the language is spelled out, so the school pays anything above the 50,000 per nurse. The UNI-first is the company that we are contracting with for the, washable gowns, touchless soap, paper towels and scrubs. Tammy stated that going forward she will send the MOU's /Contracts out before the Board meeting so the members could review them.

VI. Administrative Reports

a. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported on the following:

COVID

CDC recommendations as of 7/20/20:

COVID + Stay home 10 days minimum, even if asymptomatic. Afterwards, may return to activity if (any) symptoms improving and fever-free for 24 hrs. (Exception - Immunocompromised.)

COVID TEST PENDING:

SICK OR EXPOSED: Stay home while awaiting result.

SCREENING ONLY, NO SYMPTOMS: Usual activity

"Contact definition" – now 15 minutes, 6 feet.

Testing – Rapid test soon??? False negatives have been the concern. Quidel Corp released studies on July 17th showing 96.7% sensitivity within 5 days of symptom onset. FDA, under Emergency Use, is not requiring rigorous validation and updated its fact sheet the same day.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/137884/download>.

MAT

The MAT program (Medication Assisted Therapy for Opioid Use Disorder) continues to intake new patients.

Families – OUD can run in families. In June/July we initiated tx for multiple members of 2 families.

Pricing – changes frequently, causing trouble for patients and pharmacies

Pharmacy limits – imposed by DEA, lagging treatment intent, causing problems w/ access.

Mental Health

New Mental Health resource – MAHEC Psych Residency – is going well so far.

Hep C

We continue to cure Hep C using the newly available meds.

b. Director's Report

Tammy

Staffing Report: Chenelle Wilde was hired as our youth coordinator, the WIC assistant position has been placed on hold due to COVID and we have a school nurse opening

MCHD continues to meet all needs and operating all services

Facemasks distributed approximately 2500

Jail Health- We are working on renewing the plan with the Sheriff and his staff and Dr. North's staff

c. Financial Reports

Tammy

Tammy presented the financial report for June 2020; Based on the Revenues and Expenses from the month of June 2020, MCHDs total revenue was 97.58% while the total expenses were 93.81%. Given the environment of the final four months of the fiscal year, this is very good. The staff had a tremendous amount of additional work placed on them.

Several Revenue items came in above projections:

- STD Medicaid
 - CC4C
 - Medicaid Adult Health
 - Adult Health
 - Adult Health Insurance
 - Maternal Health Insurance
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- On Site Wastewater fees
- Restaurant Plan Review
- CD insurance
- MAT

VII. Other Business

a. Health Director Performance Evaluation

Chair Adams

After discussion, it was decided that Survey Monkey will be used again this year for the evaluation. Survey Monkey will send a report to the Board once all results are in for their review. The evaluation will be sent out to all the staff and Board members for their input via Survey Monkey and they will be given two weeks to complete the evaluation.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Adams

Dr. Adams asked for a motion to adjourn. Matthew Wetchel made the motion for the meeting to adjourn and Dianna Rogers 2nd the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2020
