

**Board of Health Minutes  
October 8, 2020**

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Jonathan Neils, Nicholas Muench, and Shannon Wanek. Also attending: Mary Halada Excused: Dave Nickels Absent: Dr. Brian Konowalchuk, Kayla Drumm and Dr. Todd Nelson

**Regular Business:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rita Metzger at 5:07 p.m. The minutes of the August 13, 2020 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Shirley Fessler and seconded by Shannon Wanek to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Nurse Manager Report:**

- Coronavirus Update – Mary Halada stated that 2.5 LTEs have been hired to help with the Coronavirus disease investigations and the Nurse Manager, a PHN and an LTE employee will be leaving at the end of October/early November. In addition, one of the newly hired PHNs resigned and two more PHNs have been hired. Two of the three LTE contact tracers that were recently hired have also resigned. We are covering weekends as best we can.
- The health department has been following up with positive cases and do not have the capacity to do any contact tracing. We are about 1.5 days behind with notifying the positive cases and giving them the isolation information. We have implemented a call tree for the health department as we are experiencing a high volume of phone calls. Many businesses require a letter for isolation/quarantine and this has been time consuming.
- Community testing capacity has been decreasing so the Emergency Services Director has put a request in for the National Guard to do a community testing site.
- Preliminary planning for mass vaccine distribution with community partners has been initiated.
- We continue meeting with schools and the EOC on a weekly basis.

**Health Officer Report**

- Communicable Disease Report – Mary highlighted that there were 249 confirmed COVID-19 cases created in August and 723 created in September. There were a lot of negative test results processed as well. There was a significant number of Chlamydia cases for each month.

**WIC Director Report**

WIC has been working virtually since April 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue to work virtually until the President declares that the public health emergency is over. The final caseload for July 2020 was 947 participants and 568 families; August was 932 participants with 560 families; and September initial caseload is 919 participants, 546 families. The contracted caseload is 1,067. Seasonal Framer's Market voucher issuance ended September 30<sup>th</sup> and they have until October 31<sup>st</sup> to cash the voucher.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be November 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nicholas Muench and seconded by Jonathon Neils. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Halada, Acting Secretary