

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING
DATE: March 27, 2020**

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Derryl Block, RN, PhD, President
Heather Breuer, DMD, Vice President
Lizy Garcia, Secretary
Carlos Dominguez, DVM
Erik Englehart, MD
Jessica Harrill, JD
Lorraine Daly
Anita Zurbrugg
Patricia Faivre
Paul Stromborg, MD

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS ABSENT

Rukisha Crawford

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Gonzalez, MPH, *Public Health Administrator*
Greg Maurice, LEHP, *Director of Health Protection*
Melissa Edwards, MPH, *Health Promotion and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator*
Chessa Kendrick, *Administrative Support and Marketing Manager*

CALL TO ORDER

The DeKalb County Board of Health meeting of March 27, 2020 was called to order at 11 AM by Dr. Block, President.

VIRTUAL MEETING GUIDELINES

Mrs. Gonzalez provided an overview of guidelines for the virtual Board of Health Meeting.

AGENDA

On a motion by Dr. Stromborg, seconded by Anita Zurbrugg, the Board of Health Meeting Agenda was approved. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) UPDATE**

Mrs. Gonzalez informed the Board that the meeting today would be to provide a COVID-19 update.

Mrs. Edwards presented the current COVID-19 situation in the United States including case counts for Illinois and DeKalb County. Mrs. Edwards discussed the Public Health Emergency Preparedness capabilities and how DCHD's COVID-19 response activities fall under those capabilities. Mrs. Edwards explained the Incident Command structure at the Health Department and the activation of the Health Department's Emergency Operations Center.

Mrs. Gonzalez presented on the changes in DCHD's service model including initiation of initial client screenings, additional signage on building, an appointment only model, and the utilization of PPE to continue to provide essential services.

Mrs. Edwards discussed information sharing through a weekly newsletter, social media, and DCHD website. She shared that DCHD will participate in a virtual Stem Café with NIU to provide COVID-19 information to the public. Mrs. Edwards shared that there has been a significant increase in volume of calls to the Communicable Disease Department.

Mrs. Edwards explained the utilization of Constant Contact in order to provide community partners with important guidance and information. She explained the Health Department's role in consulting with individual agencies for interpretation on implementation of the guidance. She shared that on March 13, 2020 meetings were held with DeKalb County Department heads, DeKalb County Superintendents, and DeKalb County Police, Fire, and EMS partners to discuss various aspects of the COVID-19 response.

Mr. Maurice discussed the additional guidance provided to businesses after the Governor's Executive Order mandated closures of businesses for on-site food/drink consumption. Health Protection staff worked with Public Information Officer's throughout Region 1 to develop additional guidance to be distributed through Constant Contact and the local Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Maurice and Mrs. Gonzalez explained the guidance for daycares due to the constant changes in regulation. Staff worked with 4C, Region 1 Administrators, and Public Information officers to develop additional guidance for daycare facilities.

Mrs. Edwards summarized the process for public notification of positive cases of COVID-19 for DeKalb County. Mrs. Gonzalez discussed reasoning why there may be discrepancies between DCHD and IDPH's websites due to reporting timing.

Mr. Maurice presented that DCHD has received three shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile of PPE that is being distributed to agencies throughout DeKalb County. He shared that DeKalb County Board and DeKalb County Farm Bureau were soliciting donations of PPE for distribution through the Health Department. In addition, Whiskey Acres donated hand sanitizer that is being distributed to agencies throughout DeKalb County. Mrs. Gonzalez shared that the Health Department will serve as the hub for PPE and other response related supplies in order to ensure supplies are being equitably distributed to priority agencies.

Mrs. Gonzalez provided an update on case investigations being conducted by the Health Department's Communicable Disease Program. Mrs. Gonzalez defined "person's under investigation" and summarized how individuals are notified of a positive result and how contacts are followed through case contact investigation. Mrs. Gonzalez discussed current testing criteria in DeKalb County.

Mrs. Gonzalez explained the difference between isolation and quarantine and highlighted the collaboration with the DeKalb County State's Attorney's office to ensure forms are in place for various situations. Mrs.

Gonzalez provided an update on the alternative housing plan being developed in collaboration with other agencies.

Mrs. Edwards explained the current needs for long-term operations including medical countermeasure dispensing and administration and volunteer management.

Mrs. Gonzalez discussed the expanded protections in place for employees who may be impacted by COVID-19. Mrs. Gonzalez explained the funding for on-going response efforts anticipated from federal and state resources along with local funding support. Mrs. Gonzalez discussed the DCHD restricted fund balance and the portion allocated for an extreme event.

On a motion by Patricia Faivre seconded by Dr. Breuer, the Board of Health approved the utilization of the “extreme event” portion of the restricted fund balance as needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Anita Zurbrugg seconded by Dr. Breuer, the Board of Health adjourned at 12:10 pm. Motion carried.



Lizy Garcia, Secretary
DeKalb County Board of Health