

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING**

**DATE: May 25, 2021**

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT**

Derryl Block, RN, PhD, President  
Rukisha Crawford  
Lorraine Daly  
Erik Englehart, MD  
Patricia Faivre  
Jessica Harrill, JD  
Paul Stromborg, MD  
Anita Zurbrugg

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS ABSENT**

Heather Breuer, DMD, Vice President  
Lizy Garcia, Secretary  
Carlos Dominguez, DVM

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lisa Gonzalez, MPH, *Public Health Administrator*  
Cindy Graves, RN, MSHA, *Director of Community Health and Prevention & Health Promotion and Emergency Preparedness*  
Greg Maurice, LEHP, *Director of Health Protection*  
Chessa Kendrick, *Administrative Support and Marketing Manager*  
Stacia Runge, *Communicable Disease Coordinator*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The DeKalb County Board of Health meeting of May 25, 2021 was called to order at 4 pm 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 Anita Zurbrugg, seconded by Jessica Harrill, the Board of Health Meeting Agenda was approved. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

**Full Board**

On a motion by Jessica Harrill seconded by Dr. Stromborg the Board of Health Minutes of the Meeting for March 23, 2021 were approved. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR (via Zoom) \***

None

## **PRESENTATION**

### **1. DeKalb County Landfill Host Benefit Agreement and DCHD Solid Waste Program**

Mr. Maurice gave the Board of Health a review of the DeKalb County Landfill Host Benefit Agreement. This included an overview the agreement, the timeline and the landfill expansion.

Mr. Maurice provided an overview of the DCHD Solid Waste Program along with the impacts COVID-19 has had on solid waste.

Anita Zurbrugg volunteered to follow up with the DeKalb County Board to determine the status of the DeKalb County Landfill Gas Development Plan.

### **2. COVID-19 Situational Update**

Ms. Gonzalez provided the Board of Health with a COVID-19 situational update. Ms. Gonzalez discussed the current case county for DeKalb County. DeKalb County still had two long-term care facilities in outbreak status along with still seeing some outbreaks in businesses and organizations.

DCHD is still continuing to provide contact tracing and case investigations. Ms. Gonzalez presented the most recent public facing metrics which are still updated on IDPH's website.

Ms. Gonzalez discussed the "Bridge to Phase 5" guidance, which Illinois moved into on May 14, 2021. This phase allows for higher capacity limits and increased business operations until Illinois moves into Phase 5. The recent masking guidance was presented, where on May 13, 2021, the CDC updated the Interim Public Health Recommendations for fully vaccinated people in non-healthcare settings. These new recommendations now allowed fully vaccinated people to no longer wear a mask or physically distance in any non-healthcare setting unless required by local law. Masks are still required in school settings, daycares, public transportation, long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, healthcare settings, and correctional facilities. Ms. Gonzalez also stated that the recent school guidance changes include social distance for in-person learning is now defined as 3 to 6 feet for students and fully vaccinated staff.

Ms. Gonzalez discussed where DCHD is currently is in regards to COVID-19 vaccination. DCHD is administering Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J vaccines and only orders more vaccine when needed instead of a predetermined allotment. As of 5/25/21, DCHD had administered over 51,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at over 160 clinics. Since mid-March the Illinois

National Guard (ING) has been providing support for mass vaccination in DeKalb County. The ING mission in DeKalb County is anticipated to end in coming weeks.

IDPH reports vaccination data on its website daily. As of 5/25/21, around 33% of DeKalb County residents were fully vaccinated. Since vaccination rates have slowed down, DeKalb County has moved from a mass vaccination model to a no missed opportunity, convenience model. DCHD offers walk-in COVID-19 vaccines Monday through Friday along with mobile clinics throughout the County. Additionally, local providers can now request the vaccine if they are in ICARE. Ms. Gonzalez also explained that the Pfizer vaccine was approved for ages 12 and up. This is a significant development in regards to challenges seen in schools where DCHD saw almost 30% of DeKalb County cases in April were among school aged children.

Ms. Gonzalez recognized people and businesses who donated lunches to staff who were working at the vaccination clinics. DCHD was also recognized for some awards including the Citizen's Appreciation Award, Partner of Distinction, and the Service Coin Recipient from local community partners.

## **COMBINED REPORT**

As noted.

## **FINANCIAL DATA**

On a motion by Anita Zurbrugg seconded by Dr. Stromborg, the Financial Statement for the month of March 2021 was approved. Motion carried.

On a motion by Anita Zurbrugg seconded by Lorraine Daly, the claims for the months of April and May 2021 were approved. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2020 DeKalb County Health Department Annual Report (Informational)

Ms. Gonzalez explained that the Annual Report was provided to Board Members and includes an overview of the past three years of program service data in order to provide perspective to the Department's service numbers in 2020. The Health Department plans to distribute the report publicly.

2. 2020 Financial Statement (unaudited)

Mrs. Gonzalez provided an analysis of the 2020 Financial Statement to compare 2020 year-end projections, developed in July 2020, to actual 2020 Revenue and Expenditures. Mrs. Gonzalez shared that 2020 revenue was higher than projected due to greater than projected revenue in Environmental Fees (Animal Control) and COVID-19 related grant revenue. Expenditures were also greater than projected due to additional expenses in the Capital Outlay and Commodities/Services categories related to COVID-19. Overall, 2020 ended with a surplus of \$212,553 compared to the \$110,300 shortfall projected in July 2020. Mrs. Gonzalez also

provided a status update on the Health Department fund balance, including an overview of the restricted funds and a 7-year fund balance trend analysis.

### 3. DCHD Recruitment Policy

Ms. Gonzalez explained that the DCHD Recruitment Policy was included in the Board of Health Packet for Board review. Ms. Gonzalez stated the Recruitment Policy was created to ensure agency-wide consistency with procedures for recruitment, hiring and onboarding of public health employees.

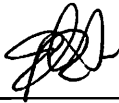
On a motion by Patricia Faivre seconded by Lorraine Daly, the DCHD recruitment policy was approved. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS**

As noted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Anita Zurbrugg seconded by Dr. Stromborg, the Board of Health adjourned at 5:50 pm. Motion carried.



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Lizy Garcia, Secretary  
DeKalb County Board of Health