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MINUTES OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 9, 2022

In Attendance: Carol Litten Touloukian, M.D. (in-person); Stephen Pritchard, D.D.S. (in-person); Kay Leach, R.N. (in-person); Robert Wrenn, M.D. (in-person); George Hegeman, Ph.D. (virtual); Mark Norrell, FACHE, HFA (virtual); Ashley Cranor, M.P.H. (virtual)

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:34 PM by Board Chairperson, Carol Touloukian.
- II. Penny Caudill introduced new Health Department staff to the Board.
- III. **Approval of May 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes:** Stephen Pritchard moved to accept the minutes as written. Robert Wrenn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Public Comment:** One member of the public spoke and shared their concern regarding the merging of Health Departments in the state and if that would remove local control.
- V. **Public Health Reports:**
 - **IU – Graham McKeen:** Mr. McKeen began by giving Covid-19 updates for Indiana University. Covid cases are holding steady, with a high level of transmission. Testing and Contact Tracing has been slightly modified during the summer. IU expects to have Wastewater testing capabilities soon, they will be partnering with City of Bloomington Utilities.
 - **Public Health Clinic – Lori Terrell:** Boosters are steady for 50+, some boosting for 5-11. Anticipating under 5 category on June 18/19 approval, vaccine. 18th/19th of June, 6mo-4yo if approved, ready to vaccinate. Beginning July open Mondays until 6pm, second Saturday of the month 8-11 am. School clinics are finished with the end of the school year, planning July events as well as getting back into fall rotation clinic. Lori explained the changes that are coming to lead surveillance. Various wellness clinics coming up soon. MCHD is working with the state to get the Public Health Clinic listed back on the vaccine map. The PHC should be posted on there again soon. If someone needs to schedule an appointment they need to call 812-353-3244.
 - **Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Christina Kempf:** MCHD and PHC received 20,000 at-home Covid test kits from the Indiana Department of Health. Each person is able to receive 2 tests. The Public Health Clinic has started distributing them during outreach visits. The Hotwash - After Action Report process has



begun. The Monroe County history museum has a Covid exhibit right now, you can watch the video on YouTube.

- **Administration** – Penny Caudill: Code review assignments have been made; MCHD is reviewing the fees, campgrounds/mobile home parks, and septic codes. The Community Health Improvement plan is being worked on, the staff have scheduled a kickoff to bring those teams together on July 14 to start working on the priorities that were selected during that process.
 - Covid updates: Transmission still elevated but numbers are remaining stable. There has been an increase in hospitalizations, however, deaths are not going up. Ms. Caudill shared updates on testing and the number of cases in the county. She also gave updates on the percentage of vaccinations in each age range. Continuing to watch the wastewater data from the City of Bloomington.

VI. **Old/Continuing Business:**

- **Lead:** In 2021 there were 5 lead cases that tested under 10 but above 5. These cases required some nurse intervention. IDOH anticipates that we could see as many as 24 cases from July '22 – June '24 with the new lead guidelines that are in place. MCHD/PHC got awarded some money for the lead program.
- **Vaccination site map:** See above under Public Health Clinic updates.
- **Indiana Recovery Alliance:** The letter of support is complete for IRA and has been passed on. Penny talked to the Commissioners and legal regarding this.

VII. **New Business:**

- **2023 budget priority discussion:** Penny and the Board discussed the upcoming 2023 budget. The three main budgets discussed were the Health Fund, Local Health Maintenance Fund, and the Indiana Local Health Department Trust Account. Those are the main funds that MCHD takes to the Council to the budget hearings. Penny shared some of the wants/needs of the department; including a couple new vehicles to be shared within the Environmental Health divisions, as well as turning the temporary Environmental Health position into a permanent position. Discussion was had regarding formalizing the budget process with regards to agency requests.

VIII. **Board Member Comments:** None.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM. The next meeting is set for July 14, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas W. Sharp, M.D., Monroe County Health Officer

