

FOREST COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH
DATE: November 4, 2020
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:31 by Lynne Black
2. Roll Call: present: Lynne Black, Cindy Gretzinger, Cheri Collins, Candy Dailey.
Absent: Susan Moore, Amy Kuebler. Others present: Jacee Shepard
3. Approve meeting agenda: Motion by Collins to approve agenda, second by Gretzinger, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Approve minutes of previous meeting: Motion by Collins to approve minutes from previous meeting, second by Gretzinger, all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment: no public comment.
6. Discussion and Possible Action – COVID-19 updates: Shepard shared daily situation report and weekly data update that is being put out by FCHD every Thursday. FCHD partnered with Forest County Potawatomi and Sokaogon Chippewa Communities to provide community COVID testing by the Wi National Guard on October 30th, November 13th and December 4th. Results from October 30th event: 52 total tested, 4 who did not reside in Forest County, 5 total positive cases from that event. FCHD would like to thank the Town of Lincoln for donating the space of their town hall for use by the National Guard during the event, the Forest County Highway Dept, Forest County Commission on Aging and the Forest County Maintenance Department, Forest County Potawatomi and Sokaogon Chippewa for their assistance with making the event possible.
NEWCAP clinic will be providing free testing on Friday November 6th. Call 7154783871 to make an appointment.
Shepard shared COVID Surge talking points from DHS. Wisconsin is in a crisis right now. It took 7 ½ months to get to 100,000 cases in WI, it only took 36 days to get to 200,000. The surge is happening everywhere in the state. Shepard shared that many health departments have had to move to crisis standards for contact tracing, meaning they are not able to contact all close contacts from positive cases in a timely manner, if at all. The FCHD is not using crisis standards and continues to be able to complete all disease investigations and contact tracing in a timely manner.
Shepard shared that our north central region healthcare network hospitals are overwhelmed, along with hospitals across the state. In the north central

region 84.9% of hospital beds are full, 86.3% of ICU beds are full and 13.1% of ventilators are in use.

Shepard shared the state is starting to prepare for the COVID vaccine to be released. FCHD is reviewing mass vaccination clinic plans and had to register to be a vaccine provider with the CDC. Still unsure of what vaccine we would get, when it will be coming, and what priority populations will be eligible to receive the vaccine. Community flu vaccine clinics are complete and we were able to vaccine ~375 people at these. FCHD still has ~25 doses and will make appointments as people call. We were also able to vaccinate ~250 children at our flu mass clinics in the school districts.

7. Discussion and Possible Action – extending the officer in the entry of the courthouse: Motion by Collins that the health committee supports the extension of the safety personnel in the entry way until the next health committee meeting, second by Black, all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Discussion and Possible Action – additional committee members: Tina Anderson will be appointed to the Board of Health committee at the next full county board meeting. Discussion of adding an additional community member as one of the three community members is not able to regularly attend. Daily and Shepard will discuss potential interested community members.
9. Future Agenda Items: COVID updates, safety personnel in entry way, additional committee members.
10. Next meeting date: December 2nd or December 9th TBD- Black will look into availability of board room.
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Collins, second by Gretzinger, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Submitted by Jacee Shepard, Health Director on 11/25/2020.