

HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH
DATE: JANUARY 26, 2022
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: Forest County Boardroom-Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER

By Black at 5:30 PM and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Perry, Larry Berg, Tina Anderson, Candy Daily, Susan Moore, and Lynne Black

ABSENT: Cheri Collins

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathryn Kincaid, Holli Denton, Barbara Voightman

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Berg second by Anderson all present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Berg second Anderson to correct the minutes from the January 5th, 2022 Health committee minutes, with correction to the roll call to note Cheri Collins was absent and to add Tiffany Wozniak as present, all present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COVID UPDATES:

Denton updated Board members on current situation in Forest County, 549 confirmed cases since January 1, 2022. Discussed the new CDC guidance and protocol for contact tracing-Health Department attempts to call positive cases once-and sends a letter to outline the 5 day in home isolation, 5 days WITH a mask guidelines. We are prioritizing unvaccinated people, as they are the ones who are most ill. Very high case counts at this time, unable to reach many due to no phone numbers, or people not answering the phone.

Denton shared the new Forest County Public Health Recommendations. A motion was made by Anderson, second by Berg, all present voting AYE to approve the recommendations and Health Department will share with County partners.

Denton shared that the Health Department will have a vaccine clinic January 28, from 11-4 in the County Board Room, and again on March 4, 11-4 in the County Board room. The Moderna vaccine will be available. Community members can get their first dose, or booster doses. The Health department plans to continue to offer a vaccine clinic monthly to keep community members up to date on COVID-19 vaccine. Places to get tested in Forest County were also shared, they include: The Health and Wellness clinic for established patients, and tribal members and employees, The Sokagoan Chippewa Clinic for established patients and tribal members and employees, Newcap, Wolf River Pharmacy and Ascension Clinic. The best way to help our community get through this pandemic is to get vaccinated, wash hands, stay home if sick, avoid large gatherings, wear a mask when out in public and get tested if you are sick or have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Denton shared that the healthcare system is greatly strained at this time due to the large amount of cases, and people seeking care for respiratory infections.

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CLOSED SESSION: The Committee went into closed session: pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (C) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercised responsibility”. This closed session relates to:

- Health Director/Officer Applicants and recommendation for Personnel.

Roll call: Tina Anderson, Larry Berg, Lynn Black, Candy Daily, Rebecca Perry, Susan Moore

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Berg to reconvene, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion Carried.

Anderson made a motion, second by Berg to recommend to refer Samantha Hoffman to Personnel as the candidate to interview for the Health Officer/Director position with the recommendation that she be started at the full wage. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: BUDGET AND OTHER AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING

Denton shared the budget outlined for the remaining ELC funding that needs to be spent by October 31, 2022. Board of Health will be updated monthly on progress.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: LTE POSITION COVID COORDINATOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Jessica Bellomy was hired to fill this role; this is an LTE position that will end October 31, 2024.

Denton shared the strategies outlined to sustain and develop the current Health Department workforce.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: UPDATE ON WEBSITE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN COLLECTED

Need more information to be collected.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

- March 2nd, 4:30 PM County Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Berg second by Anderson to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.