

HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH
DATE: MARCH 2, 2022
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: Forest County Boardroom-Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER

By Black at 4:44 PM and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheri Collins, Larry Berg, Candy Dailey, Susan Moore, and Lynne Black

ABSENT: Rebecca Perry, Tina Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Holli Denton, Samantha Hoffman

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Berg second Dailey to approve minutes from January 26, 2022 Health committee minutes, all present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COVID UPDATES:

Denton updated Board members on current situation in State of Wisconsin 63.9% vaccinated with one dose, 60.4 % completed series, and 32.7% have gotten boosters, as of March 1st the 7 day average showed 645 new confirmed cases throughout Wisconsin, 93 probable cases and 11 new deaths. In Forest County, there have been 0 confirmed cases since March 1, 2022. Forest County residents that have completed the series are 49.8 %, have gotten at least one dose 52.4 % and 27.2% have been boosted. In February we had 123 total cases, and the numbers have continued to decrease dramatically since January where we saw a total of 646 cases. Discussed new CDC guidance that DHS is now supporting. The new way to measure community level of disease will be determined using 3 key metrics: 1. the number of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days. 2. New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days. 3. The average percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in the past 7 days. Currently as per these guidelines Forest County community spread level is listed as LOW.

Denton shared that the Health Department will have a vaccine clinic March 2, from 11-2 in the County Board Room, and plans are to continue to offer a clinic once a month on the first Friday of the month (every 28 days). The Moderna and the Pfizer vaccine will be available for 12 and up. Community members can get their first dose, second or booster doses. The Health Department has N95 masks available for community members. We give community members 3 at a time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STAFF RETENTION/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Denton presented a power point on the Workforce Development Grant and proposed ideas for staff retention. Black recommended to table this proposal to gather more information on if staff incentives are an approved expense covered under the grant, second by Collins.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: HEALTH DEPARTMENT WEBSITE BIDS

Denton discussed we have allowed \$4,000.00 in the budget for a new website design using COVID funding. Will provide quotes from three companies along with the cost of the current website at April meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S RESIGNATION AND FINDING A REPLACEMENT

Black accepted Dr. Susan Moore's letter of resignation and thanked her for her service. Denton informed the Board that we need to have a Director that is a Medical Doctor that has an active license in good standing, it is preferred they reside in a local jurisdiction as per policy, Angela Nimsgern, Director of the DHS Northern Region office did say that we can get one from a bordering county if we cannot recruit locally. Dr. Moore offered the name of a doctor who might be interested, and is asking her about interest. Samantha Hoffman said she will ask Dr. Millikin about interest. She is the Doctor for NuRoc.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

- April 6, 4:30 PM County Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Berg second by Dailey to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.