

MADISON COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Health Department Committee of the County Board was held via GoToMeeting on May 7, 2021.

Members Present: Michael Babcock, Chris Guy, Victor Valentine Jr, Mike Walters, and Terry Eaker.

Members Absent: Jack Minner, Aaron Messner, and Valerie Doucleff.

Others Present: Toni Corona, Director Public Health, Stacey Counton, Health Dept. Office Manager, Raymond Weber, M.D., Health Advisory Chair.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Guy at 10:02 a.m.

The April 9, 2021 minutes were approved by all Health Department Committee Members present.

Public Comment: None

Purchase Order Recommendations: A motion was made by Mike Walters, and seconded by Terry Eaker to approve Madison County Health Department Committee Purchase Order Recommendations/Requests: AYES: Chris Guy, Michael Babcock, Terry Eaker, Mike Walters, and Victor Valentine, Jr. NAYS: None.

Expense Reports: A motion was made by Victor Valentine Jr., and seconded by Terry Eaker, to approve the April 2021, Madison County Health Department Expense Summary Report. AYES: Chris Guy, Michael Babcock, Terry Eaker, Victor Valentine Jr., and Mike Walters. NAYS: None.

Public Health Administrator Report: Senator Duckworth visited and took a tour of the Mobile Mass Vaccination site at the American Legion Post 199, Edwardsville, IL today.

COVID Vaccine Update - To-date, approximately 38% of our Madison County Residents (16 or older), are fully vaccinated. Madison County ranks 10th of Illinois counties for persons fully vaccinated. Clinic operate 6 days a week with doing additional mobile clinics. Upcoming mobile sites located in Hamel (Hamel Community Bldg.), Bethalto (American Legion), Edwardsville (On the Hill Golf Course/Lounge) and Highland (Weinheimer Community Center). We have provided some split shift clinics (early morning, later in evening) to accommodate the community. We have had exclusive clinics for Educators, businesses, vulnerable populations. In Madison County we have had over 139 COVID vaccine clinics. This is a testament to the good work the staff are doing along with the assistance of the National Guard. Of those vaccinated, 35% are individuals 16-64 years of age, and 72% are 65 and older. We are waiting to hear when we can extend Pfizer vaccinations to youth aged 12-15 years old. The positivity rate remains low in Madison County, however, we are still seeing positive cases reported daily. Even though we are vaccinating, people should continue with masking and social distancing.

The Governor announced yesterday that Illinois is set to go into the Bridge phase on Friday, May 14, 2021.

New Business: None

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is **Friday, June 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m., via GoToMeeting.**

A motion was made by Mike Walters, and seconded by Victor Valentine, Jr., to adjourn at 10:18 a.m.

Chairman, Health Department Committee