

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 February 5, 2021.

Members Present: Michael Babcock, Chris Guy, Jack Minner, Aaron Messner, and Terry Eaker.

Members Absent: Victor Valentine Jr, Mike Walters, and Valerie Doucleff.

Others Present: Toni Corona, Director Public Health, Stacey Counton, Health Dept. Office Manager, Raymond Weber, M.D., Health Advisory Chair, Morris Kugler, M.D., Health Advisory Member, Rob Henke, IT Personnel.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Babcock at 10:00 a.m.

The January 8, 2021 minutes were approved by all Health Department Committee Members present.

Public Comment: COVID-19 Vaccinations – Why could you not let people who registered back in January where they stand with the COVID Shot. I have a 90 year old mother-in-law who I registered using my email. Have heard nothing. I am 74 years old and take multiple medication for Asthma, etc. Using the same email address and I registered very early. Now I see 15K people have had their shots. I find this strange that that many people got in faster. I also think the registration method lacked in asking for better info. I know they was a drop down asking for you job status and I think some people cheated when they were retired and should have selected “Other” like we did. Oh well so much for being truthful. Thanks, Allan Culberson.

Purchase Order Recommendations: A motion was made by Jack Minner, and seconded by Chris Guy to approve Madison County Health Department Committee Purchase Order Recommendations/Requests: AYES: Jack Minner, Chris Guy, Michael Babcock, Terry Eaker, and Aaron Messner. NAYS: None.

Expense Reports: A motion was made by Jack Minner, and seconded by Chris Guy, to approve the January 2021, Madison County Health Department Expense Summary Report. AYES: Jack Minner, Chris Guy, Michael Babcock, Terry Eaker, and Aaron Messner. NAYS: None.

Public Health Administrator Report: Welcomed new members to the committee and look forward to meeting with you all personally. Introduced Ray Weber, M.D., Chair of Health Advisory Committee, and Morris Kugler, M.C., Health Advisory Committee Member. Briefly reviewed duties of the Board of Health and Health Advisory Committee.

- Wednesday, March 17, 2021 will be the quarterly Board of Health Meeting (All County board Members represent the BOH). This meeting follows the County board Meeting every March, June, September, and December.
- Health Advisory Committee is a ten (10) member committee, appointed by the Chairman of the Board, and is a three (3) year term. Meetings are at 5 pm the first Tuesday of every month except December. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

Vaccine Update - Over the last month, we have had multiple full clinic days at Gateway Center in Collinsville. To date, we have provided over 18,000 vaccines in Madison County. That includes Health Department and the 5 hospitals we have partnered with. We have gotten through the majority of 1a and we started with 1b last week. We have been able to secure Lewis & Clark Community College Commons and Gateway Conference Center. We started with Thursdays and recently added Fridays to accommodate second doses and now we are adding Saturdays to accommodate clinics for the Educators. We will identify more places where people can get vaccine.

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Vaccine Registration Survey – we had this open for about 2 weeks and had over 50,000 people respond that they wanted vaccinations. We sorted through and identified about 14,000 people that meet category 1b just in the registry alone. We have about 50,000 to 55,000 people eligible for Phase 1b in Madison County. I put a request in with Illinois Department of Public Health to have the National Guard come in and assist us. With additional teams of vaccinators, we could sustain daily vaccination clinics throughout Madison County.

Appointment scheduling – We have a link on our website, we also arranged for a 3rd party call center to make appointments as they become available to help those who do not have access to internet to use the online appointment scheduler. We will send a link to schedule an appointment as vaccine becomes available.

Madison County did put in a request through IEMA for assistances from the Illinois National Guard. Starting February 22, 2021 we will be holding vaccination clinics with their assistance, 6 days a week, at Gateway Convention Center. This will also allow us to make many more appointments at one time.

Due to difficulty getting back to our large volume of callers, we are revamping our phone system. This system will allow calls to roll to multiple people and put in ques.

New Business: None

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is **Friday, March 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m., via GoToMeeting.**

A motion was made by Jack Minner, and seconded by Aaron Messner, to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.

Chairman, Health Department Committee