

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held in-person at 157 N. Main Street, Suite 203, Edwardsville, IL on October 4, 2022.

Members Present: MaryAnn Niemeyer, Ph.D., Joy Birk, R. N., B.S.N., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., Paul Hoover, D.C., Jennifer Loethen, M.D., Paul Frohnert, MD., PhD., Laura DeLuca, R.N., and Laura Burton, NP-C, CRMP.

Members Present Via Teleconference: Jean Schram, M.A.

Members Absent: Paul Malcherek, M.D.

Others Present: Amanda Pruitt, Interim Director Public Health; Stacey Counton, Office Manager; Kurt Prenzler, County Board Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by MaryAnn Niemeyer, Chair at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment/Announcements: Eric Wortham, Collinsville – Mask mandate at the Imaging Center at Anderson Hospital. He feels he should have the option to wear or not to wear a mask and still receive medical attention.

Public Health Administrator's Report: Introduced and welcomed Laura Burton, newest member to the Health Advisory Committee. Laura is a Nurse Practitioner who is certified in Functional Medicine and has her own practice.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among women in the US. We emphasize breast cancer awareness and the importance of early detection. MCHD had an IL Breast and Cervical Cancer Program that aims to increase breast and cervical cancer screenings and can assist women with or without insurance. Our IBCCP program is collaborating with several partners and will participate in scheduled outreach activities throughout the month of October.

October is a busy time for immunization clinics. We continue to see a lot of children for school physicals and immunizations for school. We offer influenza vaccines to individuals age 6 months and older. Services are offered by appointment.

Monkeypox update: The State of IL is reporting 1,326 cases of MPV. Madison County has had 8 cases, infection has resolved for all 8 individuals. Health Department staff continue deliver prevention messages, vaccinations, and continued enhanced monitoring for cases.

COVID Boosters: Chairman Prenzler asked for an update on bivalent COVID boosters. Friday, September 30, IDPH reported that 493,000 bivalent boosters have been administered in the state of IL. Madison County Health Department has administered a total of 272 updated boosters through September 30, 2022. Pfizer is authorized for age 12 and older and MCHD has administered 262 doses since September 7, 2022. Moderna is authorized for age 18 and older and MCHD has administered 10 doses since September 26, 2022. Handouts were given.

Food Trucks/Restaurants: Earlier this year, the Board of Health was asked to consider reducing food truck permit fees. The inspection process is the same a brick and mortar restaurant. The Board of Health determined that no changes would be made at this time. We do want a comprehensive assessment of the food program fees to be conducted in the future. (Chairman complimented the health department on the tremendous record of doing a good job with restaurant inspections).

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New Business: Chairman Prenzler contacted several nursing homes, hospitals and a military recruitment office and none of them are requiring the new bivalent booster, however, some employers are still requiring the first two vaccines.

COVID-19 Treatment discussion on what is being prescribed by physicians and pharmacies.

Jean Schram spoke about and shared an article on COVID Impact: How COVID damages heart found, may lead to new treatments: <https://m.economictimes.com/news/science/how-covid-damages-heart-found-may-lead-to-new-treatments/articleshow/94616560.cms>

Committee recommends doing your research, talking to your physician about the new bivalent booster.

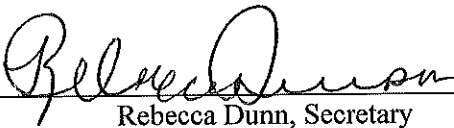
This committee has three officer positions: Chair, Chair-elect, and Secretary. Officers typically serve a one-year term. We ask a few volunteers to serve as a nominating committee for these positions for the 2023 officers. The goal would be that the nominating committee present and the committee can vote at the November meeting. Was suggested that the same officers serve a second term. No decision was made. Will discuss again at November meeting.

Health Priority Committees with new priorities (Mental Health, Substance Use, and Access to Care) and getting Health Advisory Committee members involved with those committees. Currently, our new Community Health Director, Emily Won, has been making those partnerships and working towards those coalitions. Emily will report at a future meeting.

Substance Use (Jean) – 2022 Illinois Youth Survey will give you a understanding of what is going on with kids: https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/UserFiles/Servers/Server_178052/File/2022/Cnty22_Madison.pdf
In June, we had more overdoses than in previous years. The issue is, we are giving out lots of Narcan but it is not being tracked, therefore it is hard to have accurate counts. Fentanyl is of more concern now that more and more people are putting it into other drugs. Marijuana – the best information you can get on what is going on with this is from law enforcement. DEA usually has a better understanding of that and will give presentations. There is a major shift in the focus on recovery at the state, federal, and local level. It has been said that most people go through treatment approximately five times before they can get into a stable recovery. In our county, there is an agency called Amare, Recovery Community Organization. The RCO's are intended to fill in the gaps to get people into a stable recovery.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday November 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**, 157 N. Main Street, County Board Room, Edwardsville, IL.

A motion was made by Joy Birk, and seconded by Laura DeLuca to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.


Rebecca Dunn, Secretary