

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held via teleconference on October 5, 2021.

Members Present: Raymond Weber, M.D., Dorothy Droste, R. N., B.S.N., Jean Schram, M.A., Loren Hughes, M.D., MaryAnn Niemeyer, Ph.D., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., Laura DeLuca, R.N., Paul Malcherek, M.D., and Paul Hoover, D.C.

Members Absent: David Yablonsky, DO.

Others Present: Toni M. Corona, B.S., L.E.H.P., Director Public Health, Stacey Counton, Office Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

The September 7, 2021 minutes were approved by all Health Advisory Committee Member present.

Public Comment/Announcements: Dorothy attended the Impact Suicide-Making A Change Event at the Admin. Bldg., Edwardsville IL on September 10, 2021. There were a lot of good speakers talking about suicide and how it affected them.

Loren inquired on options for people who travel needing a test. Toni responded that the health department does not do testing and we refer individuals to the retail pharmacies and community base testing site (Fairview Heights). Discussion.

Public Health Administrator's Report: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. This is the time that we focus on Breast Cancer Outreach and the importance of early detection through mammography. We have an IBCCP (Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program) Grant in which we case manage women or men to help them find the services necessary for screening early detection of breast cancer. The program is primarily for women that are uninsured or underinsured. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women. In the United States, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and over 281,000 cases will be diagnosed in 2021. Staff will participate in several scheduled outreach activities.

Our immunization clinics are open by appointment only. Right now is a busy time of year for us with flu vaccinations and school exclusions. The Health Department will have COVID vaccine available on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Health Department through the month of October, also by appointment only. We do not intend to open up a mass vaccination site for boosters; as vaccines are available throughout Madison County at local retail pharmacies, healthcare providers, etc.

Chairman Prenzler requested I give you information on the access of Monoclonal Antibodies in Madison County. We do have information on our website and on social https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/health/corona_virus.php. Currently, monoclonal antibody therapy is available, by appointment only, through the cancer treatment center at Anderson Hospital, Maryville IL. Monoclonal Antibody treatments are provided to people with COVID who are at higher risk of severe illness.

COVID Update: Madison County continues to be in high transmissions (anything over 100 new cases per 100,000). Today the case rate is 232 cases per 100,000. We are seeing a steady decline but still have a long way to go. Testing numbers have increased. Approximately 49.91% of Madison County residents

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are fully vaccinated.

Unfinished Business: The nominating committee slate of officers recommendations for FY2022 are: MaryAnn Niemeyer, Ph.D – Chair; Paul Hoover, D.C. – Chair-Elect; and Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D – Secretary.

New Business: None.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, via GoToMeeting.

A motion was made by MaryAnn Niemeyer and seconded by Dorothy Droste to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Rebecca Dunn, Secretary