

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 March 2, 2021.

**Members Present:** Raymond Weber, M.D., Dorothy Droste, R. N., B.S.N., Jean Schram, M.A., Morris Kugler, M.D., F.A.C.S., Paul Hoover, D.C., Loren Hughes, M.D., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., and Paul Malcherek, M.D.

**Members Absent:** David Yablonsky, DO, and Laura DeLuca, R.N.

**Others Present:** Toni M. Corona, B.S., L.E.H.P., Director Public Health, Stacey Counton, Office Manager, Mark McGranahan, M.D., FAAP, Medical Consultant.

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

A motion was made by Dorothy Droste and seconded by Dr. Dunn to approve the February 2, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment/Announcements:** Dr. Weber and his wife went to the Gateway Center to get their vaccination and thought it was ran very well and everyone did a great job.

Dr. Weber noted a statement from the St. Louis Arch stating that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is morally compromised and is urging all Catholics to avoid that vaccine and seek one of the others.

Dr. Malcherek has been hearing compliments from patients on all the vaccination sites that Madison County has provided. They have been amazed at how well it flows. That speaks a lot of Toni and all the organizers.

**Public Health Administrator's Report:** Everyone's positive comments are very much appreciated!

Vaccine Update – Vaccine is coming in, not in large numbers, but more steadily, which has helped us in our planning efforts. The first clinic we had with the Illinois National Guard assisting us was February 23, 2021. We have expanded and doubled in size since we started. We went from 12 nurse vaccinators to 36; throughput of 20/21 to 52 individuals every 10 minutes. It takes well over 100 people working each one of those Gateway clinics to make this work. With the National Guard, we have been able to increase throughput, that can be operated 6 days a week (no clinics on Wednesdays). Our first appointments are set to start at 9 am and based on vaccine availability, our last appointments may be at 4:20 or after. Our goal is to continue to build capacity. We are well over 53,000 doses administered.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we switched to a new appointment scheduler, EM TRAC. The advantage of this scheduler, we are able to put multiple days out. People can go online, schedule their appointment and an e-mail confirmation is sent to them. If for some reason they want to cancel, they can also go on their email confirmation and cancel self. The system will immediately make his or her timeslot open again for someone else to schedule. For those who do not want to schedule online or do not have access, we have arranged for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party call center to make appointments as they become available. That phone number is 618-650-8445.

We were first giving the Moderna vaccinations at Gateway Center but are now doing Pfizer vaccines. In order to not have multiple manufactures of vaccine at the same locations, we moved our 2<sup>nd</sup> dose Moderna

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clinics to Lewis and Clark Community College on Tuesdays. We do expect to receive Johnson & Johnson vaccine later this week.

We are working on developing a plan for homebound residents.

**Dr. McGranahan:** A study published in Psychological Medicine on social media and video game use in teens during the pandemic. The study was on a group of UK citizens who were born between 2000 and 2002, approximately 12,000 citizens. They were followed for various health conditions and research opportunities since they had been born. They surveyed them about social media use and broke in down into 2 groups; video games with a social component and typical social media use (sharing apps with pictures such as snapchat or twitter). Over 90% of the gamers were boys in their teens and early 20's and then a large share of the other social media use was taken up by the teen girls and young adult women. 24% decrease in depression symptom in the boys, however, there was a 14% increase in depression for the girls that had any substantial time on social media. This shows that all screen time is not equal. This is real data that show that human contact conversations really are protective against depression in young people especially in a lock down environment and social media is no substitute at all.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, via GoToMeeting.

A motion was made by Dorothy Droste and seconded by Dr. Dunn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Rebecca Dunn, Secretary