

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 May 4, 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., Loren Hughes, M.D., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., and Paul Hoover, D.C.

**Members Absent:** Laura DeLuca, R.N., David Yablonsky, DO, and Paul Malcherek, M.D.

**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 5:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Dorothy Droste and seconded by Dr. Hughes to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment/Announcements:** Substance Abuse Committee (one of the IPLAN priorities) are meeting and many activities going on. Shared report on “Peers Speak Out! Improving Substance Use Treatment Outcomes during COVID-19”. Jean Schram

May is Mental Health Month. Dorothy Droste

There has been a lot of information published about trying to get more physicians involved in vaccinating patients in their offices. (Discussion) Dr. Weber.

Dr. Dunn was reappointed to this committee for another 3-year term.

**Public Health Administrator’s Report:** Within the St. Louis Metropolitan area it is being reported that the positivity rate is approximately 8.4%. Madison County, 7 day average, is 3.95%. We are still seeing positive cases reported daily in Madison County Residents. Even though we are vaccinating, we need to continue with masking and social distancing.

Vaccine Update – We have continued to keep 6 days a week of clinics scheduled along with doing additional mobile clinics this week. Our mobile sites are 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 population. Over 38% of our Madison County Residents (16 or older), are fully vaccinated. Appointments are preferred but we do accept walk-in’s as well. To-date in Madison County, there has been over 180,668 vaccinations administered. Madison County Health Department has conducted 139 COVID vaccine clinics. The National Guard continues to provide assistance in clinics. They have been phenomenal to work with and we could not do what we have done without their assistance.

Homebound – we have launched this program working with the Hospital Emergency Management Systems as well as the Health Department Nurses. If there is anyone that needs this vaccine and are homebound, they can call the Health Department and we will set it up.

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We will discontinue the appointment phone line manned by third party vendor. Demand for scheduling assistance has slowed and we have made enhancements to our phone systems that will allow our staff to take those calls.

I will participate in the National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2021 at Eden Church in Edwardsville, IL.

**Dr. McGranahan:** The American Psychiatric Association conducted a poll with 1000 adults, that showed the numbers of adults who are experiencing mental health issues themselves has increased by 5% versus the spike from last year; 26% of those adults said that they had taken their kids for mental health treatment this year across a variety of providers.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, via GoToMeeting.

A motion was made by Dorothy Droste and seconded by Jean Schram to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Rebecca Dunn, Secretary