

Allen County Department of Health Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Oct 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of Directors of the Allen County Department of Health was called to order in virtual platform (via Zoom) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 5:45 p.m., pursuant to the notice sent to all directors in accordance with the bylaws.

The following directors were present: Dr. William Pond, Patti Hays, Mary Hess, Dr. Tom Dykstra, Deb Lambert, Dr. James Cameron, and Theodore Sobol

The following directors were absent: none.

Dr. Pond presided over the meeting. Mindy Waldron recorded the proceedings of the meeting (by hand as recording functionality failed by both Access Fort Wayne and the Zoom platform).

Dr. Pond called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Meeting Reminder Statements from Dr. Pond:

- This is a public meeting, not a public hearing, so there will be no opportunity for public comments, and media will be allowed to ask questions of members at the end of the meeting
- The public is asked to submit questions in writing to the health department to be answered at a future meeting

Meeting Reminder Statements from Mindy Waldron:

- Mute your line if not talking or presenting.

Summary of Motions Passed at this Meeting:

- A motion was made to approve the July 19, 2021 minutes.
- The motion to approve the minutes was seconded and carried unopposed. No one abstained.

Board Appointment Reports: (see consent agenda)

Health Commissioner's Report – Matthew Sutter, MD

Dr. Sutter presented slides as well as live views from Indiana Department of Health websites regarding COVID-19. Key points from the presentation follow:

- COVID-19 cases, positivity and hospitalizations have begun to decline since the summer surges.
- On the state COVID-19 map, Allen County is currently in orange.
- Discussions occurred on case numbers, trends, and school-age cases.

Administrator's Report – Mindy Waldron

Mindy Waldron provided an update on the operations of the department since the July 19, 2021 meeting. She presented slides that are available for review. Key points follow:

- An update was presented on COVID-19-related activities:
 - Testing (in operation since 10/5/20) and testing numbers in the past month surged. Slowing now to a certain extent.

- Vaccinations: The Mass Vaccination site at the Memorial Coliseum is reopening on 10/18/21 and will begin to assist in providing COVID-19 booster shots and younger children's shots once approved. Over 43,000 vaccinations have been provided by the Department to date.
- Contact tracing is still underway and has been for the entire 18 months of the pandemic so far. 56,939 cases so far with 788 deaths to date.
- Expenditure data was presented:
 - Total cost of COVID-related activities so far is \$1,071,297 with \$747,360 reimbursed.
 - The vaccine reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccinations will be arriving in October. Expected to be in excess of \$400,000, but this will merely cover the funding losses during the last year and half due to lessened services and closed clinics.

Discussion

- Due to the failure of the recording system, questions and answers were not specifically recorded.
- Several Board members asked questions of Dr. Sutter and Mindy Waldron about their presentations and efforts overall. They provided thank you's to the staff for their hard work thus far. Several members asked if they could provide anything to keep the staff motivated and Mindy Waldron indicated how appreciative she was of the offer and offered to talk about this over time.

Consent Agenda

- Personnel Report – Mindy Waldron.
- Sewer Board Report of recent activities – Mindy Waldron.
- Motion to approve was made. The motion carried unopposed. No one abstained.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

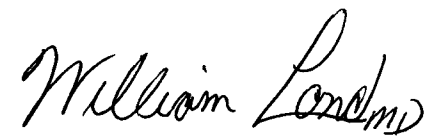
Motion to adjourn was made and was seconded. The motion carried unopposed. No one abstained.
Adjournment: 6:48 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: To Be determined (in January of 2022)

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Sutter, MD
Health Commissioner



William Pond, MD
Board President