

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending

Brian Klostermann, MD- Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP- Secretary
Robert Hyten III, DMD- Treasurer
Cynthia Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Stacy Albers, RN
Deanna DuComb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member
Deb Wesselmann- Ex Officio
Bob Netemeyer- Ex Officio

Also Attending:

Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal
Todd Marver, Union Banner

Call To Order

The June 8, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann at 6:03 PM at the Clinton County Meeting Room. This meeting was also conducted via ZOOM for those wishing to attend remotely.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Minutes Approval: May 4th Meeting and Executive Session

The minutes of the May 4th meeting were presented. Jim White made a motion to approve, seconded by Terry Linton, motion passed unanimously.

Executive session minutes from the May 4th meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cynthia Kues, seconded by Dr Ducomb. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

Total cash on hand currently is \$1,166,253.67. The current vaccination rate in the county is 39.41%, and at the state level it is 44%. The Health Department continues to sponsor walk in vaccination events on Wednesday evenings at public venues such as Farmer's Markets. We are seeing a good turnout for the 12-16 year old population. Our county positivity rate is from .6% to 1%, currently. We are at a 1.5% positivity rate for the region. Chris Laidel reported there were a few financial policies that the auditors did not find, and he will need to generate those and submit them. He will present these to the board at the August meeting.

Chris Leidel reported good turnouts at the walk in clinics- up to 30-35 per clinic. They typically offer 2 different types of vaccine as there have been younger children being vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine.

Dr. Klostermann noted that people who have had the virus and get the vaccine are showing a longer immune response (up to 10 years immunity) which is a good incentive to get the vaccine, even if they have already had Covid. He feels we may need to incentivize getting the vaccine to increase our rate. Our health department has not done this as yet, but they are talking about it.

Dr. Ducomb noted that possibly sporting venues will ask for vaccine cards as well. She states that just because you have had the disease, doesn't mean you don't need the vaccine.

Chris Leidel reported the schools may require non-vaccinated children wear masks, whereas the vaccinated students will not need to wear masks. This is not certain, but it has been discussed. He reports if they conduct their clinics at public events, they are getting more people to participate.

James White asked where else can people go to get vaccinated? Chris responded CVS and Walmart do have them and also some doctors have them.

Chris Leidel notes that the hope is that eventually the vaccine is distributed more by doctors and pharmacies rather than the health department.

Doctor Ducomb asked if we could put some information in the local papers to announce clinics. Chris Leidel stated he would send out the schedule to the papers.

New Business

There was no new business stated.

Old Business

a. Building and Committee Update

James White reported the survey costs will be approved by the County Board and they will reimburse the Health Department for those.

Dr. Ducomb noted the cost of materials has increased 2-4 times, and the square footage has had to be reduced due to budget constrictions, so the plan now is to have a half second floor and a half second floor. She reported they are studying the step efficiency of the building plan for staff and facility use needs.

Stacy Albers remarked that a full basement would be beneficial for storage long term. It would not need to be a finished space.

James White asked the square footage of the current health department building? Chris Leidel did not know at this time.

Bob Netemeyer asked who will own the new building?

James White noted the County Board will be discussing this and making the decisions. He noted he asked about the current size of the building, so that we could see what is actually necessary in terms of space.

Bob Netemeyer asked if we are planning space for any necessary expansion? Chris Leidel noted we have made room for everything we need, and there are some areas such as two exam rooms, that are flexible space.

Dr. Ducomb asked how much square footage is needed for the phlebotomy room? The architect needs this information. Stacy Albers suggested they look at the hospital phlebotomy space to see what they want.

Executive Session

There was no executive session this evening.

Adjournment

James White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Terry Linton, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM.