

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022

Board of Health Members:

Brian Klostermann, MD, Chairperson Present
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary Present
Paulette Evans, RN, Vice Chairperson Absent
Robert Hyten, III, DMD, Treasurer, Present
Cynthia Kues, NP Absent
Kimberly Hugo, Present
Stacy Albers, Absent
Deanna Ducomb, MD Present Present
James White, Voting County Board Member Present
Deb Wesselmann, Ex Officio, Present
Mike Strieker, Ex Officio Present
Bob Netemeyer, Ex Officio, Present

Also Attending

Chris Leidel, CCHD Admin.
Todd Marver, Union Banner
Deb Boeckmann, Take Action Coalition of Clinton County

Call to Order

The May 3rd, 2022, meeting of the Clinton County Health Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at the County Board room. This meeting was also accessible via ZOOM.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board this evening.

Minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting

James White made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Ducomb. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

In March, we experienced a gain of 17,092.03 for a cash on hand of \$1,166,570.75. The Contract Tracing Grant was completed as of the end of March. All grants will be written by their due dates. The WIC program has been audited by DHS, and this is a routine audit. The state has revised the data it uses for Covid-19. The site breaks down Covid per county, rather than as a region. The current case rate is 6.5 per 100,000 people. This is much lower compared to the high of 389 per 100,000 people on January 14th of this year. Our county's ICU availability remains high at 36%. These newer measures will help us to track Clinton County's numbers. We will continue to monitor surrounding counties as well, as well as monitoring availability in the area hospitals. Recently we had a site breakout within the county of 5 people, which has been well addressed. In other news, there was a human case of Avian flu in Colorado, so this is something we will monitor at the county level as well. There are none at this time.

Jim White asked about contracted staff for the Contact Tracing grant? Chris Leidel noted some of the staff have moved on to other jobs. There are currently 4 people who work about 6 hours weekly at the testing site. The funding sources are from different grants for these contract tracers.

Rob Hyten noted currently there are 13 full time employees at the Health Department. The part time staff (from contract tracing) accumulate less than 60 hours per week. We are funded to run the testing site until the end of the year, so we will continue to run it.

James White asked if the Fairground site is necessary at this point? Chris Leidel stated the rent has been paid through the end of the year within a grant, and also, the numbers of people that attend these site testings would fill up the current health department building quickly.

James White made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Kim Hugo. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Annual Report

Chris Leidel presented the annual financial report in its entirety and answered all questions to clarify the report statistics.

Dr. Ducomb noted that when Chris Leidel reports anything new / significant at a County Board meeting, it would be desirable to notify the Health Board members of that information via email.

Old Business

Building Committee / Christopher Rule Health Update

Written submissions of qualifications for all professional service providers to Clinton County are due May 9, 2022. This information is required so that the selection process for the county in choosing providers meets procedural guidelines.

Dr. Klostermann noted that he and Chris Leidel met with officials from Christopher Rural Health, in terms of their interest in renting space in the new Health Department Building. The Building Committee will be discussing additional space within the building, because they are interested in leasing space within the building 5 days a week, and will bring multiple staff members if the agreement is approved. The services they would bring would include a nurse practitioner, psychiatrist, registered dietician, pharmacy and other services, for a total of 3-5 personnel. Funding for their services include federal funding and also, they can bill insurance companies. They have been around for over 20 years, and once they are in a community, the federal government does not want them to leave, according to their representatives. They are in Mt. Vernon at this time, and this is the closest area to us.

Rob Hyten expressed concerns that if they are within the building, the waiting room may not be large enough, but Chris Leidel noted that the size of the current waiting room would be able to handle the numbers of people entering the building at one time. The lease cost would be based on the square footage of the area used. This group takes Medicaid insurance and no coverage patients.

The addition of services from this group may incentivize the full finishing of the basement immediately. If this agreement is reached, Christopher Rural Health would move in as soon as the building is ready. More discussion is needed between their group and the building committee, the Board of Health, and the County Board moving forward.

Executive Session

There was no need for executive session this evening.

Adjournment

James White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Terry Linton. The motion passed unanimously. The next Board of Health meeting will be on June 7, 2022 at 6:00.