

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES
July 9, 2020 AT 12:00 pm
Clinic Conference Room/Virtual**

Present: Via Phone-Liz Wheeler, David Meyer, Teresa Miller, Ranae Vink, Jonathon Ott, Michael Pekas, Jo Pankonin,

Staff Present: Jill Franken, Alicia Collura, Lisa Stensland, Dr. Jen Tinguely

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Liz Wheeler with a vocal roll call at 12:05 pm. _Y__ Michael
__Y__ David __Y__ Teresa __A__ Jon __Y__ Jo __Y__ Ranae __Y__ Liz

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 26, 2020 supported by Teresa, seconded by Michael.
Motion carries. _Y__ Michael __Y__ David __Y__ Teresa ____ Jon __Y__ Jo __Y__ Ranae __Y__ Liz

New Business:

Board Update:

A big thank you to Dave and Teresa for their service on the board for the last 6 years. Introduced the two new members going to the council next week for appointment and will be official as of August 7th.

Jill would like to recommend to the board that we meet monthly this quarter. The next meeting would be August 13, then September 10 and then the regular October meeting.

COVID-19 Situation Update:

The Sioux Falls MSA has been in a low incident plateau. Total active cases have been steady between 240 and 264 for the last three weeks (since June 21st). Hospitalization of COVID+ persons and PUI's in our two large hospitals systems have been below 35 since June 19th. With the exception of 1 day, numbers of people hospitalized for COVID have been below 30 since the 19th of June. New cases confirmed and announced on the SDDOH website today (July 9th) include: Minnehaha – 17, Lincoln – 5, McCook – 1, Turner – 1, total new cases for MSA – 24. We follow positive rates on a weekly basis because testing labs are required to updated positive cases to the state daily, however, they can batch report negative reports and update on a weekly basis. Looking at the data removes the daily swings that result for the batch reporting of negative tests and provide a better community picture.

Our largest number of cases has been identified in our younger populations – populations that can be asymptomatic and therefor can unknowingly transmit the virus, Conversely, the majority of deaths have been in those who are 60+. The data reflected indicates that we continue working to emphasize physical distancing, wearing masks/cloth face coverings to protect other, practicing good hygiene and encouraging everyone to be cautious and only participate in activities and outings if you feel safe doing so.

EOC/Health Activities – continuing to communicate and support ongoing response efforts

- Continuing data monitoring (new cases, testing, hospitalizations, hospital capacity, case activity in potential hot spots across our state and in the tristate area
- Providing leadership with daily data updates

- EMS/hospital partner meetings continuing on a weekly basis to make sure that community response protocols and hospital protocol on things such as monitoring and PPE continue to stay consistent
- Monitor other community indicators – such as daily traffic patterns/counts (we are still seeing about a 10% decrease in the numbers of cars on the road in Sioux Falls compared to last year) and looking at information on calls for assistance received at Helpline Center (identify potential community needs) and are actively involved in working with the Vulnerable Populations groups to establish a long term response option for providing isolation/quarantine options to people that are unable to safely isolate or quarantine where they live (homeless shelters, group homes)
- The City Emergency Manager and Sandy continue to serve as a resource to the community and are on task forces for a number of groups working on re-opening plans (3 local school districts, institutes of higher education)
- We continue to work with all city department to insert COVID prevention messaging in all city communications (internal and external)

SOAR activities include:

- Close to 100 complaint investigations on things such as lack of physical distancing and mask use
- Over 250 referrals, questions and verbal assessments conducted over the phone or through e-mail
- 80 technical assessments that involved side visits, walk-throughs and assistance with on-site plans
 - These include working with businesses, churches, salons, dance studios, restaurants and grocery stores, entertainment venues and office operations (large and small)
- Calls, e-mails and requests for service continue to come to the SOAR program on a daily basis

Vector Control Update:

The vector control crew has treated over 700 water sites and conducted 3 city wide sprays as well as several targeted sprays. There have not been any pools of mosquitos test positive for West Nile virus yet this season. We test collections of Culex tarsalis for the presence of the West Nile virus as a way to monitor risk in our community. There have been close to 200 pools of Culex tested and no positives have been found to date...however our highest risk months are traditionally August and September. We have seen a surge in the Aedes Vexans mosquitoes, which are our nuisance species due to recent rains. This also helps suppress the number of Culex mosquitoes.

Budget Overview- Deferred till August

Motion to Approve the deferred discussion of the Proposed 2021 Health Budget supported by Liz, seconded by Teresa, _Y_ Michael __N__ David __Y__Teresa ___Jon __Y__Jo _Y__ Ranae __Y__Liz, motion carries.

Public Input: None at this time.

There being no further business or further discussion, motion to adjourn supported by Jo and seconded by Jon, _Y_ Michael __Y__David __Y__Teresa ___Jon _Y__Jo _Y__ Ranae __Y__Liz, motion carries.

