

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES**

**January 14, 2021 AT 12:00 pm
Clinic Conference Room/Virtual**

**Present: Virtually-Liz Wheeler, Mary Murphy, Karen Tvedt, Michael Pekas, Ranae Vink, Bruce Vogt, Jo Pankonin
Staff Present: Jill Franken, Alicia Collura, Dr. Jen Tinguely, Lisa Stensland**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Liz Wheeler with a vocal roll call at 12:03 pm. Y Michael
 Y Mary Y Karen Y Bruce Y Jo Y Ranae Y Liz

A motion was made to approve the minutes from November 12, 2020 supported by Mary, seconded by Jo.

Motion carries. Y Michael Y Mary Y Karen Y Bruce Y Jo Y Ranae Y Liz

New Business:

COVID-19 Status Update:

A review of the dashboard since November 1st was given. It showed a peak in November just one week after the last board meeting. Since that time a mask mandate has been put in place along with continued mitigation efforts has rallied the community to combat COVID-19. We continue to see a decrease in the number of positive cases, even with Christmas and New Years in the mix. As of 1.13.2021 there are 1,427 people with active illness in the Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties – a decrease of 390 since the first of the year. Hospitalizations between the two systems is about 76 people. Council has approved \$100,000 to help fund and raise COVID education. In the next couple of weeks, we will see a more coordinated messaging and more information regarding when and where to get vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine Progress:

Based on information coming from government websites and the CDC as data sources

- Statewide we are at 5.5% of our states population receiving their first dose of Vaccine
- Using SDDOH data, our City dashboard shows 6.16% of the population in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties have received their first dose

This site (<https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/covid-vaccine-tracker-global-distribution>) allows people to view the percentage of vaccine supply that have been used in each state. As of late yesterday, South Dakota was at 58.3% (varies through the week and we receive vaccine Monday/Tuesday). Some pharmacy doses provided to pharmacies like CVS and Walgreens have not been uploaded into the state's immunization database. South Dakota is doing very well getting the first doses administered.

We have not received a direct shipment of vaccine here at the Health Department, we continue to partner with our healthcare systems to help with communication, coordination and collaboration

•Communication

- We continue to provide press conferences that provide the Mayor, the Health Department and our Physician Leadership from the City the opportunity to speak to the media/public
- The city has allocated fund to support a community vaccine education campaign that will include messaging and a community landing page on the city's website to help direct people to information on when and where they can receive vaccine

•Coordination

- We continue to hold twice weekly Unified Command Meetings to share information on the status of our healthcare systems and to discuss vaccination efforts (sitreps)

•Collaboration

- We are working with our health care partners to help deliver vaccine to targeted populations
- Vaccinated city/county/PCEMS/School nurses in a vaccination clinic for employees in group C
- Advocating to receive vaccine to provide vaccinations to patients supported by Falls Community Health
- We are partnering with the HC systems and are actively planning to vaccinate residents of high risk congregate shelters in Group D (BDHH, UGH, St. Francis, Arch, Glory House, Children’s Inn, etc.)

As announced by the State on Wednesday – our healthcare systems will start vaccinating people that are 80 years old or older, along with a small group of high risk patients (dialysis, transplant and cancer pts. currently receiving treatment) starting next week.

Influenza cases have been low and have been helped by COVID mitigation efforts

LINK Update:

This is the new community triage center for substance abuse and/or mental health crisis. Avera has been named as the provider recently. Smithfield and Sands family have made substantial financial contributions, including all the drywall work. Construction is expected to be completed in May.

The detox center has moved temporarily to the Carroll Institute. There are many aspects being put into place: such as the “Bridges to Employment” opportunity with a major employer in town, and the mission and values projects. Closer to opening, community partners will be able to tour the new facility.

Falls Community Health Update:

COVID –

- Ongoing testing of critical infrastructure staff for CSF, County, SFSD, PCEMS
- FCH providers and staff vaccinated along with other local health and public health workers
- Respiratory acute and positive tests down in patients

Normal operations –

- Successful HRSA site review
- Hiring of new Patient Intake Supervisor – Carrie Soto
- New comprehensive quality and risk management plan roll out
- Working toward balancing COVID response with organizational needs

Public Input:

None at this time

There being no further business or further discussion, motion to adjourn supported by Bruce and seconded by Mary, motion carries. Y Michael Y Mary Y Karen Y Bruce Y Jo Y Ranae Y Liz

