

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES
July 8, 2021 AT 12:00 pm
Class Room 1/Virtual

Present: Virtually- Karen Tvedt, In-person: Liz Wheeler, Ranae Vink, Jo Pankonin, Mary Murphy,
Absent: Bruce Vogt, Michael Pekas,
Staff Present: Charles Chima, Alicia Collura, Sandy Frentz, Dr. Jen Tinguely, Denise Patton, Vanessa Sweeney
Lisa Stensland

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 8, 2021 supported by Jo, seconded by Ranae. Motion carries. A Michael Y Mary Y Karen A Bruce Y Jo Y Ranae Y Liz

New Business:

COVID-19 Status Update:

All stats are current through yesterday. Minnehaha and Lincoln counties are now considered minimal spread. The number of active cases continues to decline and the vaccination rate is increasing. The state is moving to weekly updates so our data will look a bit different moving forward.

South Dakota is one of 37 states that are currently meeting the WHO advised rates of positivity for re-opening. The state is at 2.28%, that is the lowest we have been since July 18th of 2020. Weekly percent positive for Minnehaha/Lincoln Counties was 1.8 on July 6, 2021

On May 12, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) advised governments that before reopening, rates of positivity in testing (i.e., out of all tests conducted, how many came back positive for COVID-19) of should remain at 5% or lower for at least 14 days." This low positive rate does not mean that the population has reached herd immunity. A low percent positive simply means that the level of coronavirus transmission, relative to the amount of testing, is low at this point in time. While we have crossed over the 50% or halfway point in the calendar year, cases are running at just over 25% of last year's numbers. New cases over the past 7 days: State – 105, Minnehaha – 13, Lincoln – 3, McCook – 1, Turner 0; total MSA – 17 (16.2% if the cases on the state). New Deaths over the past 7 days; State – 4, Minnehaha – 0, Lincoln – 0, Turner – 0, McCook – 1; total MSA 1 or 25% of deaths in the past week.

The percent of EMS calls that are respiratory are 8.5 % for July to date. This was 10.1% in May and 7.7% in June.

EMS calls screened positive or suspected for COVID-19 averaged 11.1% over the past week. This was 10.6% the previous week.

Vaccination is consistent with what is being seen across the nation, vaccination numbers have dropped off significantly within the state. For the month of July SDDOH reports that 4,867 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to 2,427 people. This has increased our % vaccinated by 0.34% since June 30. Vaccination efforts continue across the community by walk-in and appointments in clinics and in acute cares with our Healthcare Systems, Federal-pharmacy partnerships (28 locations in Minnehaha County, 4 locations in Lincoln County), Federal Partners include: South Dakota Urban Indian Health/Indian Health Services, Department of Defense and Bureau of Prisons.

Our Health Department Efforts include: vaccines available by walk-in, scheduled or by request at any clinic appointment, community outreach in coordination with community partners (Healthcare Systems, HUD, other city departments, transitional housing partners, food ministries, working with EmBe Dress for success event). In addition to billboards and social media messaging, we have added PSA's with community members to our education campaign (for use on social media and television). People featured in the PSA's include: Sadie Swier – Downtown Sioux Falls, Councilor Rick Kiley, Tolcha Mesele – Smithfield, our own Dr. Tinguely. The PSA's will provide facts about the vaccine and sharing their person "why" regarding their choice to become vaccinated. They are scheduled for July and August.

Influenza for 2020-2021 season, the state saw 71 cases with 7 hospitalizations and 2 deaths.

Vector Control Update:

The Vector Control seasonal staff has treated 595 water sources to date, in addition to several thermofogging and barrier treatments.

Our traps have reflected higher than normal numbers of Culex (our high risk mosquitoes), due to the dry and hot conditions, this combination has triggered 3 City Wide sprays, as well as a handful of targeted sprays this summer.

Overall trap numbers seem to have dropped a bit over the last couple of weeks, but unfortunately, we are still hitting thresholds. We expect activity to remain constant throughout the summer as we enter into peak transmission season. Recent rain will also contribute to activity. All of our Culex (vector species) collections are tested for West Nile Virus antibodies. No positives have been reported in Sioux Falls thus far, but we anticipate numbers to start showing up in the up and coming weeks.

There have been many conversations on the timing of the sprays around the city lately. This, in conjunction with the dryer conditions have had us approach our educational outreach in a more expansive way.

STI Mitigation:

The most recent numbers from the state for 2020 is showing an increase in HIV and Gonorrhea. Syphilis cases have climbed 469% between 2020-2021 (16 cases in 2020 to 91 cases 2021). So far this year the clinic has processed 445 HIV tests with one positive case. 535 test for Gonorrhea have been done, 84 were positive. The same numbers of test were given for Chlamydia, and 72 were positive. 398 Syphilis tests were given and 17 were positive.

Looking at the 37 new HIV diagnosis in 2020 closer:

- 37 new HIV diagnosis' in 2020
 - 30 of 37 were East River
- Comparing data for PLWH from 2018 to 2021 statewide, slight shifts are noted in subpopulations based on transmission categories and race:
 - High-risk heterosexuals **increased** from 34.3 percent in 2018 to 36.1 percent in 2021
 - MSM **decreased** from 40.5 percent in 2018 to 36.0 percent in 2021
 - Injection drug use **decreased** from 13.9 percent to 11.3 percent
 - **Increased** among Whites, Black/African Americans and American Indians
- Newly Diagnosed East River from 2018-2020
 - Females **outpaced** males
 - **Increase** among age groups 13-24 and 25-39
 - **Decrease** among persons aged 40-64
 - Transmission rates **increased slightly** among MSM, but much more **significantly** among high risk heterosexual populations
 - HIV infections are **highest** among heterosexuals

- Primary exposure category is high risk heterosexual

Protect Your Parts Efforts include: Free HIV and STI Walk-In clinic: currently interviewing nurses to staff the clinic, Condom distribution is on-going, Prescribing PrEP/nPEP: FCH listed in national registry; five patients prescribed last quarter; added to FCH website, New "605 Magazine" ads were created. Topics are HIV, PrEP and STI education, Social media educational posts. The most popular PYP website hits: page views for the PYP landing page (sexual health): 640 page views (581 unique page views), Top pages: Sex trafficking – 229, HIV testing – 169.

LiveWell:

Good Food For All – A national nonprofit, Partnership for a Healthier America, reached out to the Live Well team in May offering a chance to partner on a produce distribution program. PHA organizes the produce with a food distributor, and our team was tasked with identifying potential recipients for this 12-week program that will provide 540 boxes of produce each week. We are partnering with the school district to host this on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m., starting July 13, at Hayward Elementary. Our team also reached out to the Helpline Center, which has a relationship with Door Dash for food delivery, and we are able to offer free delivery of boxes for families who don't have access to transportation. PHA designed the program to expose more young children to fruit and vegetables, and there will be a post-survey asking families if their dietary habits changed as a result of the program. If anyone would like to stop out to see the program in action – or volunteer – please let us know.

The Link-

Data collection from June 1-30 for triages and dispositions include: sobering 210, withdrawal management 42, Crisis stabilization 3, Admission declined 30. Total triages were 285. Withdrawal management program saw 49 total admissions and the average length of stay was 207 days. Average daily census % capacity was 75-85% of capacity.

The majority of clients are age 30-49 and Males are at 75% and Female at 25%. By race the patients have been 55% Native American, 24% Caucasian, 13% African American and others. The reported substance of most abuse is alcohol at 82%, marijuana, meth/amphetamines, opioids, heroin range from 1-6%.

Patient satisfaction: All patients in withdrawal management and crisis stabilization who completed a satisfaction survey at the time of discharge indicated they would recommend The Link to a friend/family member.

Emergency Department feedback from Sanford and Avera: Significant decline in emergency room visits related to substance use issues/acute intoxication and it is very easy to refer patients to The Link.

Feedback from Law Enforcement: Most triages are completed in less than 15 minutes, fewer patients are being processed in the jail.

Public Input:

None at this time

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

