# Warren County Health Department

#### Board of Health

### November 16, 2021

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Health Department.

Members present: Chairman Dr. Elton Brown, Ms. Cheryl Coffman, Michael Kilian, Mrs. Candice White, Ms. Linda Baker, Dr. James Crenshaw and Mrs. Eva Brown,

The Board Chair requested roll call for members that are on the conference call. Conference call attendee is Dr. Dieckmann.

Others present: Dr. Margaret Brake, Andrea Goode, and Tanisha Lyons.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Elton Brown and a moment of silence was observed.

Ms. Coffman moved to waive the Conflict-of-Interest Statement and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

There was no public comment.

The September 2021 minutes were reviewed. Dr. Dieckmann moved that the minutes be accepted and seconded by Mrs. Eva Brown. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Financial Report for review and approval. The report is the end of year FY 20-21 the report consisted of health reserve (\$351,547), revenues (1,702,705.80) and county(1,033,612.20). Dr. Dieckmann moved to accept the finance report and seconded by Cheryl Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake informed the Board of Health that their yearly training will need to be completed by December 1, 2021, and it can be done online. This presentation on Healthy North Carolina 2030 provides an overview of the NC Department of Health and Human Services' health goals for our state via the Healthy NC 2030 framework. Participants will learn about the areas of focus for this framework and discuss the role of boards of health within Healthy North Carolina 2030. This presentation will explain HNC 2030, describe areas of focus for HNC 2030, and discuss the role of Boards of Health within HNC 2030. After completion print off certificate and return to Tanisha for record keeping.

Health Director's Report:

## **Staff Updates**

Hired Andrea Goode as Administrative Officer I and promoted Amanda Dickerson to Nurse Supervisor I effective 11/16/21. Interviewed for the Public Health Educator II position and received applications for Public Health Educator I position. Gay Lyle is our Communicable Disease Nurse (transferred from Home Health). We currently have 4 vacant nurse positions. We are exploring contracting as a means to increase our nursing staff. This has worked well with our vaccine clinics and may be useful in other clinical services.

### **COVID-19 Case Counts**

Here is the COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 4:00 pm on 11/16/2021:

- 13 Active Cases
- 2,431 Recovered Cases
- 33 Deaths
- 2,477 Total Cases

Here is the COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 5:39pm on 09/21/2021:

- 80 Active Cases
- 2,109 Recovered Cases
- 23 Deaths
- 2,212 Total Cases

We are starting to see a decline in our daily case rate. Since the last BOH meeting in September, we have had an additional 265 new cases and 10 deaths.

CDC Tracker: Level of Transmission has changed from red (High) to orange (Substantial). 7 Day Metrics

Current 7-days is Tue Nov 09 2021 - Mon Nov 15 2021 for case rate and Sun Nov 07 2021 - Sat Nov 13 2021 for percent positivity.

	November 16, 2021
Cases	14
Case Rate per 100k	70.95
% Positivity	4.12%
Deaths	0
% of population ≥ 12 years of age fully vaccinated	56.8%

# **COVID-19 Vaccinations Update**

The Warren County Health Department is still administering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (one dose) vaccines by appointment in addition to booster doses to adults 18 years and older. Vaccination clinics are held twice a week at the health department and other events as

planned in the community. We are also providing the Pfizer vaccine to 5-11 year olds. Our first evening clinic for children was held today.

People vaccinated in Warren County:

At Least One Dose = 55% n=10.832 (51%) 4% increase from 9/21/21

Fully Vaccinated = 52% n=10,180 (48%) 5% increase from 9/21/21

We are partnering with organizations such as Green Rural Redevelopment Organization (GRRO), Healthier Together, Kerr Tar and county agencies to provide education and outreach as well as incentives to increase vaccination rates among all populations.

## Other Updates

- 1. November is Homecare and Hospice Month. We will have an article in the local newspaper to celebrate and recognize our home health agency. We also had a full page ad highlighting our services in the "Discover Warren County" local guide.
- 2. We are also planning to have a presentation of the Warren County Bright Ideas Project at the next County Commissioners work session of December 15<sup>th</sup>. Warren County Health Department received a Bright Ideas Grant To:
  - Provide outreach and education on the prevention and treatment for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.
  - Identify key messages and create materials to educate their communities on COVID-19 and related issues.

We could not have implemented this project without our local teams from African American, Native American and Hispanic communities in Warren County! Our reach has extended beyond Warren County to NC DHHS and other statewide organizations. Their work is having tremendous impact! Dr. Susan Auger will lead the presentation with comments from team members.

Meeting adjourned and next meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Submitted by:

Dr. Elton Brown, Board Chair

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Dr. Margaret F. Brake, Secretary