

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

July 19, 2022

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the Health Department Conference Room.

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

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

The Board Chair requested roll call for members that were on conference call. Conference call attendees were Mrs. Eva Brown and Dr. Dieckmann.

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

There was no public comment.

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

The May 2022 minutes were reviewed Mrs. White move to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Finance Report for review and approval. The report describes the 2023 FY Budget Comparison. Not much has changed since the proposed budget but salaries had been adjusted in that line item. The department has 1 vehicle request for \$27,000 for Environmental Health. There were no questions about the 2023 Adopted budget. Ms. Coffman moved to accept the Finance Report as presented and There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Health Department Fee Schedule, Home Health Fee Schedule and Environmental Health Fee Schedule for review and approval. The Health Department fees are what we are allowed to charge from the State and other payor sources. The fee schedule is in CUREMD our EMR. Ms. Linda Baker moved to accept the 2022-2023 Health Department Fee Schedule and seconded by Mrs. White. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed. The Environmental Health Fee Schedule was presented and there were no changes from last year. Mrs. White moved to accept the 2022-2023 Environmental Health Fee Schedule and seconded by Ms. Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed. The Home Health Fee Schedule was presented, and Ms. Coffman discussed about the Physical Therapy fee was the lowest she has seen. Dr. Brake agreed and that Skilled Nursing, Home Aide and Occupational Therapy all had increases. Ms. Coffman moved to accept the Home Health 2022-2023 Fee Schedule and seconded by Ms. White. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brake presented the 21-22 Bad Debt Write-Off and Debt Set-Off. The bad debt policy is when on payment has been received for 12 months. Home Health has \$44,036.34 in bad debt. The Health Department has \$16,735.96 in NC Debt Set-Off. The policy states that \$50.00 or great without payment for 60 days or longer. Ms. Coffman asked if the amounts change or stay the same? Dr. Brake replied for Home Health it's harder to get reimbursed and the inconsistency of how claims are being processed. Ms. Baker moved to accept the Bad Debt Write-Off and Debt Set-Off seconded by Mrs. White. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Health Director's Report
07/19/22

Staff Updates

Currently in the hiring process for four positions – Accounting Technicians (2), Processing Assistant III, Environmental Health Specialist.

COVID-19 Case Counts

*COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 5:04 pm on 07/13/2022:

- 23 Active Cases
- 4,725 Recovered Cases
- 46 Deaths
- 4,794 Total Cases

COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 5:02 pm on 05/11/2022:

- 4 Active Cases
- 4,341 Recovered Cases
- 46 Deaths
- 4,391 Total Cases

Since the last BOH meeting in May 2022, we have had 403 new cases which is up from 100 new cases in March. The number of new cases range from 4-11 daily. Our level of community transmission has also increased from low to high.

CDC Tracker: 7-Day COVID-19 Level of Transmission in Warren County is High (Red).

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Cases	56
Tests Performed	133
% Positivity	19.79%

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. We are also now providing vaccinations for anyone 6 months and older. Vaccination clinics are held twice a week at the health department on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Warren County Total Population Vaccination Status:

People Vaccinated with at Least One Dose: **11,564**

People Vaccinated with Initial Series Complete: **10,922**

People Vaccinated with One Booster/Additional Dose: **6,402**

Percent of Population Vaccinated with at Least One Dose: **59%**

Percent of Population Vaccinated with Initial Series Complete: **55%**

Percent of Population Vaccinated with One Booster/Additional Dose: **32%**

Other Updates

OptumServe, an NC DHHS state vendor is still conducting weekly COVID-19 testing at the Warren County Armory Civic Center. We are waiting to hear from the state if they will continue to support a testing site in Warren County. Testing began on December 28, 2021 and will continue as long as the service is available to the county.

DPH is also making COVID-19 home test kits available to every county. We are assessing distribution points in addition to the health department where our residents can go to pick free test kits. To date the Senior Center and Parks/Recreation have indicated that they would like to serve as a site for distribution.

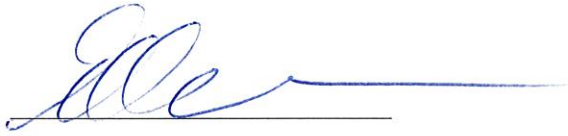
Professional Development training was held for the Leadership Team (Supervisors) on July 14th through VGCC. Topics covered included the Five Work Languages, Effective Communication Skills, Conflict Resolution and Problem Solving.

Monitoring issues related to Monkeypox by participating on state calls with DPH leadership. Seven health departments are serving as distribution sites for vaccines. There have been 11 identified cases in NC.

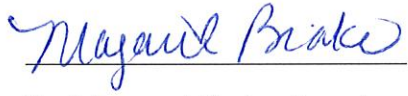
Eastpointe LME/MCO has a new mobile unit to provide mental health and addiction services to Warren County residents. Holt Assessment Services is the provider operating the unit with clinical staff on site daily in Warren County. The unit has been in various locations for the past 2 weeks from 9am-4pm including the Food Lion Parking lot in Norlina (Monday/Friday); health department parking lot (Tuesday/Thursday/ 1st & 3rd Saturdays); and Just Save parking lot on Wednesdays. We expect to see more information in our local media soon about the mobile unit; nevertheless, they are getting referrals, great reception & feedback from the community.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 20,2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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Dr. Elton Brown, Board Chair

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Dr. Margaret Brake, Secretary