

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

March 15, 2022

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Health Department Conference Room.

Members present: Chairman Dr. Elton Brown, Commissioner Baker, Ms. Linda Baker

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

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.

There was no public comment.

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

The January 2022 minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Eva Brown moved to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Mrs. Candice White. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Finance Report which is the Funding Summary of Revenues. The Health Department has collected 60% of revenues. Environmental Health and Medicaid Cost settlement has done well with over 100% collected. Health Department Medicaid is at 12.93% because of Medicaid Managed Care and we now have a line item directly for MCO. Ms. Linda Baker moved to accept the Finance Report as presented and seconded by Mrs. Eva Brown. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

The Health Department has received funding from the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program (AA716) for \$200,846.00. Mrs. Eva Brown moved to accept the Funding Authorization and seconded by Mrs. Candice White. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

The Board reviewed the NC BCCCP and Wise Woman 2022 Sliding Fee Scale. Commissioner Baker moved to accept the NC BCCCP and Wise Woman 2022 Sliding Fee Scale retroactive to January 12, 2022 and seconded by Dr. Dieckmann. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

The Board reviewed the NC Cancer Prevention and Control Branch 2022 Poverty Guidelines. The guidelines come from the state and were updated 1/19/22. Commissioner Baker moved to accept the BCCCP 2022 guidelines retroactive to 1/19/22 and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker.

The Board reviewed the Family Planning 2022 Eligibility and was effective 2/22. Mrs. Eva Brown moved to accept the Family Planning Eligibility retroactive 2/22 and seconded by Commissioner Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake asks Chairman Dr. Brown if an item could be added to the Agenda. The NC BCCCP 2022 Services Fee Schedule which was revised on 3/8/22 was reviewed. Commissioner Baker moved to accept the BCCCP Fee Schedule retroactive to 3/8/22 and being emailed to board members that were not in person and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

The Board discussed the process for Health Director's Performance Evaluation. After discussion, the Board agreed to keep the committee of Dr. Brown, Ms. Coffman and Dr. Crenshaw to conduct the evaluation and bring back to the Board for approval.

Health Director's Report 03/15/22

Staff Updates

Katty Arcos was hired as Processing Assistant IV in the WIC Program. We currently are advertising for PH Nurse and EH Specialist positions.

COVID-19 Case Counts

COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 4:54 pm on 03/15/2022:

- 1 Active Cases
- 4,251 Recovered Cases
- 39 Deaths
- 4,291 Total Cases

COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 4:10 pm on 1/18/2022:

- 401 Active Cases
- 2,698 Recovered Cases
- 36 Deaths
- 3,135 Total Cases

Since the last BOH meeting in January 2022, we have seen a significant reduction in new and active cases; however, we have had 3 additional deaths.

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

7 Day Metrics

Current 7-days is Mon Mar 07 2022 - Sun Mar 13 2022 for case rate and Sat Mar 05 2022 - Fri Mar 11 2022 for percent positivity.

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Cases	28 – down from 230 1/18/22
Case Rate per 100k	141.91 – down from 1,165.68
% Positivity	0.77% - down from 27.9%

CDC New Tool – Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

CDC looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days — to determine the COVID-19 community level.

In **Warren County, North Carolina**, community level is **Low**.

Prevention Steps

People may choose to mask at any time. People with [symptoms, a positive test, or exposure](#) to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are required on [public transportation](#) and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.

If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, may also choose to wear a mask.

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.

Vaccination rates are climbing slowly.

Warren County Total Population Vaccination Status:

Percent of Population Vaccinated with at Least One Dose: 58%

Percent of Population Vaccinated with Two Doses or One Dose J&J: 55%

Other Updates

OptumServe, an NC DHHS state vendor is conducting weekly COVID-19 testing at the Warren County Armory Civic Center. Testing began on December 28, 2021 and will continue as long as the service is needed. Free N-95 masks are also provided to anyone getting tested.

Health Department, EMS and DSS are providing free masks to the public while supplies last.

Health Department is also working on a project that will help us assess health and racial equity within our organization and in the services we provide. In this process we have an internal workgroup consisting of our Leadership Team/Staff as well as a Community Advancing Equity Council. We will be creating an equity plan for our organization; COVID-19 media campaign and training our staff on a number of topics to help us better serve the community.

Health Department in partnership with Warren County Sheriff's Office and EMS are working under a federal HRSA Opioid Prevention and Treatment Grant with Nash UNC Health. We will be coordinating training on overdose prevention and administration of Narcan, overdose drug reversal, peer support services, expanding our STD/HIV screenings to provide HIV in-home test kits for those who screen positive for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and conducting a campaign on IV drug use. This is a 3 year grant, \$25,000 per year.

Health Department is partnering with the Warren County NAACP, Warren County Govt., Kerr Tar Regional Council of Govt. and Eastpointe LME/MCO to hold a Coping mentally and Spiritually with COVID-19 Town Hall on March 31, 2022 at 6pm. This will be a virtual (The Warrenist Facebook Page) as well as in person event at the Warren County Armory Civic Center. Registration deadline to participate in person is March 24th. Individuals can register online or call (252) 257-6037. Commissioner Baker also serves on the Planning Committee.

If there's no further business to be presented to the board or to be discussed, the meeting is adjourned. The next meeting is May 17, 2022.

Submitted by:

Dr. Elton Brown, Board Chair

Dr. Margaret Brake, Secretary