

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

May 17, 2022

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at the Health Department Conference Room.

Members present: Dr. Elton Brown, Mrs. Eva Brown, Dr. James Crenshaw and Mrs. Cheryl Coffman.

The Board Chair requested roll call for members that were on conference call. Conference call attendees were Mrs. Candice White, Dr. Dieckmann and Ms. Linda Baker.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Mrs. Eva Brown moved to waive the Conflict-of-Interest Statement and seconded by Dr. Crenshaw. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

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

Dr. Brake presented the Finance Report for review and approval. The report describes the master revenues for end of March 2022. State grants, MCO's/Health Plans and Environmental Health Fees have a high percentage of collections. Medicaid is low due to how the funds are being received. The health department is working with Finance Dept to make sure funds are going to right departments because the county uses the same tax id number for all offices. The health reserve is money that we have in our account for Medicaid cost settlement. Ms. Baker moved to accept the Finance Report as presented and seconded by Mrs. Brown. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Wenona Mills, Nursing Director presented the FY 19/20 Home Health Report. Chart audits are ongoing for accuracy and peer audits no longer have to be done as of January 2018. The clinical manager reviews charts on a daily basis and identifies problems. Quality Assessment Performance Improvement Plan became mandatory July 2018. The goal is to improve quality outcomes. Incident Reports - the data is reviewed for trends and there were 16 incidents for this reporting period and 2 of these were patients. Patient Satisfaction Surveys: 145 surveyed, 55 completed, return rate of 38%. Home Health has an 87% overall rating of care. Ms. Coffman asked why are falls reported? Mrs. Mills replied that all falls had to be reported to their doctor. In this fiscal year report, home health has seen 4,559 patients. Medicare was the largest payor

source and hospitals were the largest referral source. Home Health did take care of 1 Covid-19 patient. Staff Development continues with annual Bloodborne Pathogens that is required for all field staff and CPR certification required every other year.

Dr. Brake presented the Board of Health Operating Procedures. There were no changes in the policy. Mrs. Brown moved to accept the BOH Operating Procedures and seconded by Dr. Crenshaw. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Board of Health Handbook for review and approval. The changes were the updated members list and the revised organizational chart. Dr. Crenshaw moved to accept the Board of Health Handbook with the updated changes and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brown presented the Health Director's Job Description and Evaluation for review. There were no changes to the job description.

Dr. Crenshaw moved to go into closed session and seconded by Dr. Dieckmann. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Crenshaw moved to go back to regular session and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Health Director's Report

Staff Updates

Karen Prince was promoted to Health Educator I. We are currently advertising for the following positions: 8 PH Nurses, 1 EH Specialist and 1 Accounting Tech.

COVID-19 Case Counts

*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

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

Since the last BOH meeting in March 2022, we have had 100 new cases. Also, the state moved to an electronic death reporting system. As a result, 7 new COVID-19 deaths were added from death certificates from Jan- Mar 2022.

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

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Cases	25	
Tests Performed	142	
% Positivity	17.91%	

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 vaccination percentages have remained stagnant - same as reported at the last BOH meeting.

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%

WCHD: 8,799 shots given; 1,309 Boosters have been given since October 2021.

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. 2,436 Tests have been conducted.

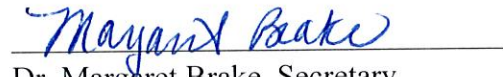
Health Department is also engaged in an initiative that will help us assess health and racial equity within our organization and in the services we provide. In this process we have an internal workgroup consisting of our Leadership Team/Staff as well as a Community Advancing Equity Advisory Council. We will be creating an equity plan for our organization due to NC DHHS by May 31st; conducting a COVID-19 media campaign and training our staff on a number of topics to help us better serve the community. An Advancing Equity Training was conducted today with staff.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting is July 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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Dr. Elton Brown, Board Chair

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Dr. Margaret Brake, Secretary