

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

September 15, 2020

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 in the conference Room of the Health Department.

Members present: Dr. Elton Brown, Mr. Jerry Bolton and Dr. James Crenshaw.

Others present: Dr. Margaret Brake, and Sharon Bartholomew

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

The Board Chair requested roll call for members on the conference call and present and to state if they had a Conflict of Interest or not. Conference Call attendees: Ms. Linda Baker, Mrs. Eva Brown, Commissioner Baker, Mr. Michael Kilian, and Ms. Cheryl Coffman. No one attending the meeting had a conflict of interest.

There was no public comment.

The July 2020 minutes were reviewed. Ms. Coffman moved to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Baker. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Funding Authorizations that the department had received. These authorizations represent funding we have received from State and Federal sources and are tied to our Agreement Addenda with the State of NC. She reviewed each program for which funding was issued. Dr. Brake explained the decision was made this year to refuse the Infant Mortality funding that was offered. Last FY, we were not able to use all of the supplies purchased through this program, as COVID 19 created a reduction in our clinics. Due to the amount of supplies remaining, the department opted not to renew this Agreement Addendum this year. The total amount of funding received for these authorizations was \$693,368.00. Mrs. Eva Brown moved to approve the funding and Commissioner Baker seconded. There being no further question, the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake explained that the Board is to receive training each year. To remain compliant with this, the training will be online to allow for social distancing. Each member will receive a link for the training, and will have the month of October to complete the training. If there is a

certificate, members will need to print and submit that certificate to the department. Members will also receive a statement to sign stating the training was completed, if they are not able to print a certificate. There were no questions raised.

## **Health Directors Report**

**09/15/20**

### **1) Staff Updates:**

- The following positions have been filled: Nutritionist I – Vanetta Silver and PHN III – Angela Baird (promotion) effective 9/16; and FP PHN II – Domonique Powell effective 10/16.
- Vacant Positions: Public Health Nurse II (Communicable Disease, Child Health, Exerstyle, Home Health) and Environmental Health

### **2) Other Updates:**

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

- 12 Active Cases
- 290 Recovered Cases (94%)
- 2 hospitalized case
- 7 Deaths
- 309 Total Positive Cases

Data on Warren County's Daily Lab Confirmed Cases show that we are seeing a downward trend over 14 days in new cases.

Although we continue to see new cases, the percent of positive tests have decreased to about 2.5% which is good news - (percent positive as a proportion of total Electronic Lab Reported tests). These results are for the week ending 9/5/20.

Also, we are conducting a media campaign using local newspapers, radio and social media to encourage continuation of mitigation strategies – 3W's and to raise awareness about the impact of COVID-19 on minority communities.

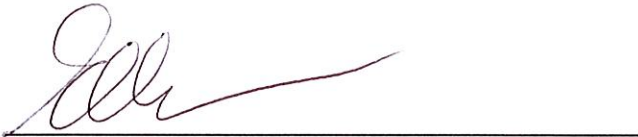
Health Department is partnering with HOPE Regional Medical Clinic to host COVID-19 Testing Events. Last Saturday, WCHS, 9am-1pm with HOPE, MAKO and NC Central

University's ACCORD (Advanced Center for COVID Related Disparities) Program. Goal is to expand access to testing in

- Communities across the county especially reach out to those individuals who do not have insurance.
- Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 9am-2:00pm NC MedASSIST OTC Medicine Giveaway will be held at the Armory. Free medicines for adults and children. Can place order on line at NCMedASSIST.org, or can pick up at the event.
- Health Department is planning Staff Development Day tentatively scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned by the Board Chair. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 7:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Health Department.

Submitted by:



Dr. Elton Brown, III Board Chair



Dr. Margaret F. Brake, Secretary