

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

September 20, 2022

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at the Health Department Conference Room.

Members present: Dr. Elton Brown (Chairman), Dr. James Crenshaw (Vice Chairman), Ms. Cheryl Coffman, and Mr. Michael Kilian.

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, Mrs. Candice White and Dr. Merwin Dieckmann.

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

There was no public comment.

Ms. Coffman moved to waive the Conflict-Of-Interest Statement and seconded by Mrs. White. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

The September 2022 minutes were reviewed. Dr. Crenshaw moved 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 - Master Revenue Summary FY 2023. The Health Department's adopted budget is just over \$1.6 million. To date, we have collected \$53,273.53. Our collections are down because we just started the fiscal year. Managed Care Organizations collections are at 38.38%. Ms. Coffman moved to approve the Financial Report and seconded by Mr. Kilian. There being no further business the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Funding Authorizations FY23 which is state funding from the Division of Public Health. They include WIC Client Services, CD/Pandemic Recovery, School Health Team Workforce (funding provided to support the school system with COVID-19 response and school health response by hiring additional staff), Immunization Action Plan, Maternal Health, Aid to County, Family Planning, Infant Mortality and Care Management, Child Health, Child Health Prevention Team, WIC Client Services, BCCCP, Breast Feeding, Advancing Equity (funds activities that look at how we address equity in our agency internally and externally), HIV, STD, Communicable Disease Pandemic, ARPA, TB Control, STD Prevention, Drugs, School Nurse Funding Initiative, and Healthy Communities. Dr. Crenshaw moved to approve the Funding Authorizations and seconded by Mrs. Brown. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the tentative Medicaid Cost Settlement. The cost settlement consists of Medical Services \$199,860, Family Planning \$68,478 and Health Choice \$7,445 for a total of

\$275,783 that the Health Department will receive for FY ending June 20, 2021. Ms. Coffman moved to accept the Medicaid Cost Settlement and seconded by Mrs. Brown. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Home Health Bad Debt write-off for approval. Andrea Goode, Finance Officer wrote a memo to the Board requesting Bad Debt Write-Off for \$29, 920.07. This money was not collectible from patients or insurance companies from 2014-2019. Mrs. Brown moved to accept the Bad Debt Write-Off and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

The Board of Health Annual Training will be conducted through the UNC School of Government. Tanisha will send each member the link to the training to be completed by the November board meeting. Mrs. Brown did make a suggestion that in the future the trainings can be conducted during a meeting this will help with getting certificates back in a timely manner.

There are 6 board members whose terms are ending in December 2022. The members are Linda Baker, Dr. Crenshaw, Mr. Bolton, Mrs. Eva Brown, Dr. Dieckmann and Nurse vacancy. To continue to serve a Statement of Interest has to be completed and board will vote to recommend for reinstatement. Mrs. Eva Brown and Dr. Crenshaw have submitted their Statements of Interest to serve another term. Tanisha will send documents to both Dr. Chris and Dr. Amy O'Malley for the Veterinarian position. Dr. Brake will send a memo to Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners recommending Dr. Crenshaw, Mrs. Eva Brown and Dr. Dieckmann to be reappointed to the Board of Health.

Health Director's Report

09/20/22

Staff Updates

Currently in the hiring process for Environmental Health Specialist position and still recruiting for nursing positions in clinic and Home Health.

COVID-19 Case Counts

NC DHHS Data:

Total Cases = 5, 197

Total Deaths = 48

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

	September 13, 2022
Cases (Tue Sep 13 2022 - Mon Sep 19 2022)	33
Tests Performed	174

% Positivity	20.67%
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COVID-19 Vaccinations Update

The Warren County Health Department is currently administering the Moderna and Pfizer new Fall booster vaccines by appointment. Moderna boosters are for those 18 years and older and Pfizer is for those 12 years and older. In order to be eligible for this booster, it must have been at least 2 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine. We are still providing vaccinations (initial series) for anyone 6 months of age and older. Vaccination clinics are held twice a week at the health department on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Total Vaccines Given by WCHD as of 9/20/22 = 9,191

Warren County Total Population Vaccination Status:

People Vaccinated with at Least One Dose: **11,663**

People Vaccinated with Initial Series Complete: **10,998**

People Vaccinated with One Original Booster/Additional Dose: **6,664**

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

Percent of Population Vaccinated with Initial Series Complete: **56%**

Percent of Population Vaccinated with One Original Booster/Additional Dose: **34%**

Other Updates

OptumServe, an NC DHHS state vendor is still 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 available to the county.

Last Update 9/2/22

- Total number of tests = **3,638 Total**
- Total number of positive tests = **808**

On October 4th from 2pm-6pm, the health department will host a Community Health Day. Attendees will be able to receive health and safety information, drop off unused or expired medications, receive free COVID and HIV Home Test kits, child bike helmets, car seats, medication lock boxes, etc.

Warren County Opioid Settlement – The health department is assisting the county administration with facilitating an Opioid Workgroup which will decide how the county will use funds for the opioid settlement funds. The group held its initial meeting on August 25th and will meet again this Thursday to continue discussions regarding the use of the funding.

The health department also applied for funding from Eastpointe on behalf of the county in the amount of \$50,000 to support our Mental Health Officer and to offer mini-grants to faith and community-based organizations to provide services to address homelessness in Warren County.

Correction on the agenda. The next meeting is November 15, 2022 not November 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46.

Submitted by:

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Dr. Elton Brown, Board Chair

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Dr. Margaret Brake, Secretary