

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

January 19, 2021

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in the Conference Room of the Health Department.

Members present: Dr. Elton Brown, 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 that are on the conference call. Conference Call attendees: Linda Baker, Eva Brown, and Cheryl Coffman.

Dr. Crenshaw moved to wave the Conflict of Interest and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

There was no public comment.

The November 2020 minutes were reviewed. Dr. Crenshaw moved that the minutes be approved as presented and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Financial Report. The Master Revenue is a summary for FY 2020-2021. The Health Department has received three grants North Carolina Central University in the amount of \$10,000, UNC Chapel Hill in the amount of \$5,000 and Bright Ideas (Division of Public Health) in the amount of \$15,000. We have received 100% of funds from those grants but pending payment from Bright Ideas. As of January 15, 2021, we have received 44.76% of revenue from grants and fees. Some grants are down due to covid response and we had to redirect some staff to work on but overall, we are in a good place during this point of our budget year. Mrs. Eva Brown moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brown informed the Board that there is an opening and Candice White has submitted her Statement of Interest to Serve. Upon review and discussion, Ms. Coffman moved to accept Ms. White and seconded by Mrs. Eva Brown. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed. Dr. Brake will inform Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners has approved Mrs. White Statement of Interest.

Health Directors Report
01/19/21

COVID-19 Case Counts

The COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 5:26 pm on 01/19/2021:

- 78 Active Cases
- 1,183 Recovered Cases
- 5 Hospitalized cases
- 12 Deaths
- 1,273 Total Cases

Also, we are continuing with our media campaign using local newspapers, radio and social media to encourage continuation of mitigation strategies – 3W’s and to educate the community about COVID-19 vaccinations.

COVID-19 Community Testing

- Health Department partnered with HOPE Regional Medical Clinic, MAKO, and Warren County Sheriff’s Office to host a COVID-19 Testing Event on Friday, January 15th from 1:00-4:00pm. 195 individuals were tested.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Update

The Warren County Health Department received the Moderna vaccine. It is administered in two doses with the second dose occurring 28 days after the first dose. On Thursday, January 14th, the NC Department of Health and Humans Services revised the Phases and Groupings for how COVID-19 vaccines should be provided across the state.

The new prioritization groups are as follows:

- Group 1 Health Care Workers and Long Term Care Staff and Residents
- Group 2 Older Adults (65 years and older)
- Group 3 Frontline Essential Workers
- Group 4 Adults at High Risk for Exposure and Increased Risk of Severe Illness
- Group 5 Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination

The Warren County Health Department is currently vaccinating all healthcare workers, long-term care staff and residents (Group 1) and anyone 65 years and older (Group 2). We are providing vaccines by appointment only. Citizens who are eligible to get the vaccine may call the Warren County Health Department at (252) 257-1185 to make an appointment. Citizens can also make an appointment to get your shot at other local COVID-19 vaccine providers which include neighboring hospitals and health departments if they have availability. Information on

participating vaccine providers can be found online at YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov or by calling the toll free COVID-19 Line at 1-877-490-6642.

Vaccinations for individuals in Groups 3-5 have not opened yet. We will inform the public through our local newspapers, radio, website and social media as soon as the scheduling for these groups is started.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

YOU HAVE A **SPOT.** | TAKE YOUR **SHOT.**

You have a spot, take your shot. A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, Independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Keep practicing the 3 Ws—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.

- 1 Health Care Workers and Long-term Care Staff and Residents **ACTIVE PHASE**
- 2 Older Adults **ACTIVE PHASE**
- 3 Frontline Essential Workers
- 4 Adults at High Risk for Exposure and Increased Risk of Severe Illness
- 5 Everyone

Our goal is to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible given the limited supply of vaccines. North Carolina moves through vaccination phases by aligning to federal priorities while empowering local health departments and hospitals with flexibility to move to the next priority group as they complete phases and have vaccines available.

For more information: YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov



The next meeting will be March 16, 2021 @ 6:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned by Board Chair.

Submitted by:

Dr. Elton Brown, III Board Chair

Margaret Brake

Dr. Margaret F. Brake, Secretary