

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

September 21, 2021

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the Health Department.

Members present: Chairman Dr. Elton Brown, Commissioner Baker, Linda Baker, Cheryl Coffman and Michael Kilian

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

Others present: Dr. Margaret Brake and Tanisha Lyons

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

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

There was no public comment.

The July 2021 minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Candice White moved that the minutes be accepted and seconded by Mrs. Eva Brown. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Financial Report for review and approval. The report is a summary of revenues for this fiscal year for first quarter as of August 10, 2021. Some of our expenditures have to be posted back to June and some of numbers are less than we normally would have and by next meeting you will see a difference in the collections. Mrs. Cheryl Coffman moved to accept the Financial Report and seconded by Linda Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Funding Authorizations for review and approval. The first authorization is from DHHS for funding for all of our state programs \$819,000. The second one is \$115,000 a new agreement addendum for School Health. Mrs. Brown asked what the School Health authorization was for and Dr. Brake responded this Agreement is to assist with Covid-19 efforts hire a school liaison to help with contact tracing, vaccine clinics or testing within the schools. Mrs. Eva Brown moved to accept the Funding Authorizations and seconded by Mrs. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the WCHD Fee Schedule for review and approval. The changes are highlighted in yellow, the fees are set by the state and we have to follow. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the fee schedule and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Medicaid Cost Settlement for review and approval. The Health Department received payment from the state in the amount of \$260,708.00 for fiscal year 2020. Ms. Coffman moved to accept the payment and seconded by Dr. Dieckmann. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

The yearly Board of Health training is required for accreditation. Last year training was completed on line and this year we are asking to the same. Tanisha will send the course training by the end of the month to be completed by end of the year. Mrs. White will need to complete the new member training as well. Dr. Brake asked the Board if they had any training they are interested in.

Health Director's Report:

Staff Updates

Hired Rhonda Mushaw as Health Education Supervisor effective 9/16/21. Received applications for Nurse Supervisor I, Administrative Officer I and Public Health Educator II positions. We currently have 5 vacant positions – 4 nurses and 1 Health Educator I.

COVID-19 Case Counts

Here is the COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 5:39pm on 09/21/2021:

- 80 Active Cases
- 2,109 Recovered Cases
- 23 Deaths
- 2,212 Total Cases

Here is the COVID-19 daily report for Warren County as of 4:23 pm on 07/20/2021:

- 3 Active Cases
- 1,829 Recovered Cases
- 20 Deaths
- 1,852 Total Cases

We have seen a significant increase in cases since last month. We have had two outbreaks in facilities. Since the last BOH meeting in July, we have had an additional 360 new cases and 3 deaths. We have one individual in the hospital as of today.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Update

The Warren County Health Department is still administering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (one dose) vaccines by appointment. Vaccination clinics are held twice a week at the health department and other events as planned in the community.

People vaccinated in Warren County:

At Least One Dose = 51% n=10,148 (46%) 6% increase from 7/20/21

Fully Vaccinated = 48% n=9396 (43%) 5% increase from 7/20/21

Health Department vaccine = 7,197 vaccine doses administered

We are partnering with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, HOPE Regional Medical Clinic, and Warren County Schools to host a vaccine clinic aimed at increasing youth vaccinations next month (tentatively 10/23/21). Additional sponsors are being added to provide \$25 gift cards to the youth (for first and second doses). Adults will receive food boxes.

COVID-19 Testing Update

Warren County Health Department, HOPE Regional Medical Clinic and Mako held a community testing event of Friday, September 10th from 1:30-5:30pm. We provided tests to 69 individuals with 10 reporting positive cases. One result was not a Warren County resident.

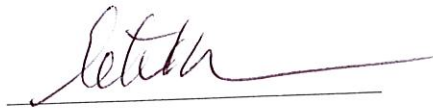
Other Updates

1. Sample Board of Health Rule – Require Face Coverings in Indoor Public Places was discussed at NC Association of Local health Directors Meeting as an additional policy option to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19. Just want the BOH to review it at this time. I don't know if any local BOH has passed this rule.
2. Secretary Mandy Cohen's Leadership Team is expected to visit Warren County on 9/30/21 at the request of Former Congresswoman Eva Clayton and Green Rural Redevelopment Organization, Inc. The purpose of the meeting is for GRRO NC in Cooperation with Kerr Tar Council of Governments and Warren County to host a Conversation & Discussion between the North Carolina Secretary of Health and Human Services Leadership Team and Local Governments, Community Leaders, Health Providers, and Community Organizations regarding our COVID-19 response and the needs of rural counties. It will include participation from local community leaders, medical providers, hospital administrators and health departments.

3. I was also invited to serve on the NC Institute of Medicine's Taskforce on the Future of Local Public Health. The group had its first meeting on September 9th and is expected to bring forth recommendations in the Spring of 2022 on the structure of local public health infrastructure.

Next meeting, Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 6:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Dr. Elton Brown, III, Board Chairman

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Dr. Margaret F. Brake, Secretary