



## Kanawha-Charleston Board of Health Meeting Minutes June 18, 2020

### **Members – Present**

Dr. Arthur B. Rubin, President  
Mr. Jeremy Nelson  
Mr. Paul Nusbaum  
Dr. William Payne  
Mr. Danny F. Scalise II  
Mr. Stephen Weber

### **Staff – Present/Presenters**

Dr. Sherri Young  
John D. Law  
Carol McCormick  
Stanley Mills  
Deborah Snaman

### **Staff – Excused**

Julie Blackwood  
Lori Kersey

#### **1. Call to Order - President, Dr. Arthur Rubin**

Dr. Rubin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

##### **a. Roll Call – Kandy L. Forsythe**

Ms. Forsythe conducted the roll call. All board members were attending in person, except for Mr. Nusbaum and Mr. Weber who attended via telephone. All staff were present in the board room, except for Ms. Blackwood and Ms. Kersey, who were excused.

#### **2. Report of the President – Dr. Arthur Rubin**

##### **a. Approval of the minutes from the May 21, 2020 Board of Health meeting**

Upon a motion by Mr. Scalise, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020, as submitted; the motion passed.

##### **b. Moment of Silence**

Dr. Rubin called for a moment of silence to honor those we have lost to COVID-19, to honor first responders and to take a moment to reflect.

#### **3. Report of the Executive Director/Health Officer – Dr. Sherri Young**

##### **a. COVID-19 Update**

Dr. Young noted the date of the board meeting was the 98<sup>th</sup> day of the pandemic. As of this date, there are 262 cases. Of those, 254 are confirmed by lab results; 8 probable cases have symptoms. Dr. Young stated that there are 23 active cases; 219 recovered and 20 deaths Kanawha County.

**b. COVID-19 Update on Drive Through Clinics**

Dr. Young stated that as of today, KCHD has had 19 drive through clinics. We have tested 7,665 individuals, with 1,210 through the KCHD based clinic and 6,455 through our drive-through clinics. We have IGG testing available, with 134 tested for antibodies. Hot spots are popping up that we previously did not have. Dr. Young clarified that you do not need symptoms to be tested and an appointment is encouraged but not required.

Dr. Young announced additional drive-through clinics. June 25, 2020 at Sissonville High School from 2 to 7 p.m. The other will be at the Schoenbaum Center on July 1, 2020 from 2 to 7 p.m.

Dr. Young briefed board members on other possible testing sites.

Dr. Rubin asked if there is a breakdown on demographics for these drive through clinics. Dr. Young stated they do have the breakdown for each event that will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

**c. Welcoming of New Employee, John D. Law**

Dr. Young welcomed new employee, Mr. John D. Law. Dr. Young stated that Mr. Law, who was embedded at KCHD on loan from West Virginia State Medical Association, has decided to stay with KCHD as Chief of Staff. Dr. Young thanked Mr. Scalise, WV SMA Executive Director, for allowing Law to participate with KCHD during this pandemic and thanked Mr. Scalise for the opportunity of allowing Law to return to the health department fulltime. Mr. Nusbaum and Mr. Weber expressed their appreciation, and stated they were glad to have him with the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department.

Dr. Young stated she would like to publicly thank the Kanawha County Commission, the Mayor of Charleston and the Office of Emergency Management; the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department; and Metro 911. Dr. Young stated her thanks to Monica Mason and the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority for the level of testing that has been done. Dr. Young stated they have cross trained the fire departments and she will be forever thankful for their commitment. Dr. Rubin stated that none of us wanted this pandemic to happen, everyone working together is how pandemic response is supposed to work. Dr. Rubin thanked the community as well.

Dr. Young stated that as we reopen, we are starting to see clusters and outbreaks and stressed it is imperative that we have face coverings and hand washings.

**4. Report of the Division of Administrative Services – Ms. Carol McCormick**

**a. Staffing Report**

Ms. McCormick stated there are no vacancies. Ms. McCormick stated they had filled the Nurse-3 position and Mr. John D. Law will be with us beginning July 1, 2020.

**5. Report of the Division of Clinic Services – Ms. Deborah Snaman**

**a. Clinic Update**

Ms. Snaman stated they were running regular clinics, doing COVID-19 testing and some back-to-school immunizations. Mr. Scalise asked how the immunizations for back-to-school be promoted. Ms. Snaman stated those seeking immunizations can come in any day, Monday-Friday. We take our last appointment at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Rubin asked if the clinic will be doing any outreach clinics for school this year. Ms. Snaman stated that they have already met with Brenda Isaac, lead nurse for Kanawha County Schools. Plans are not yet finalized.

**6. Report of the Division of Environmental Health Services and Division of Epidemiology and Threat Preparedness – Mr. Stanley Mills**

**a. COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Mills stated environmental health routine inspections have been suspended by the state with modified rules. Mr. Mills stated that the Division of Environmental Services has been busy working with reopening pools and dealing with an increased number of complaints. Mr. Mills stated that for a while, he had the National Guard assistance, but they have been pulled, and the sanitarians are answering complaints. Sanitarians are working the call center, doing case investigations, contact tracing, appointments and calling clients back with results. Mr. Mills stated he has been getting calls from different states and counties on what we do and how we do it. Mr. Mills stated that the call center is no longer 24/7, that they are now 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. with a call system where calls can roll over to an answering service.

**7. Report of the Executive Assistant to the Health Officer – Ms. Julie Blackwood**

**a. None.**

**8. Report of the Financial Subcommittee**

**a. Ms. McCormick stated the quarter has not closed, so nothing to report. Ms. McCormick stated KCHD is down \$200,000.00 because of COVID-19 expenses and the loss of clinic and environmental permit revenue. Ms. McCormick stated she is looking to apply for CARES ACT revenue.**

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Unfinished Business**

**a. Public Comment Period**

None

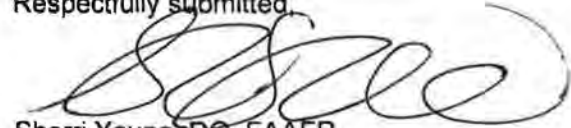
Dr. Young praised Mr. Mills for his work during the last 98 days of the pandemic. The Call Center has answered more than 10,000 calls. Dr. Young stated that she has a good crew here.

Mr. Weber asked all to stay safe, wash their hands and do not get too close to each other. Mr. Nusbaum stated that he has had COVID-19 test done, and he was amazed at how quickly the process worked. Mr. Nusbaum stated Dr. Young and her team have done a great job and he was amazed at how painless and easy the process was. Mr. Nusbaum stated that he thought it had a lot to do with the planning Dr. Young does with her team.

**11. Adjournment**

Upon motion by Mr. Scalise to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Payne, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Young, DO, FAAFP  
Executive Director/Health Officer

