



KANAWHA-CHARLESTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Meeting minutes
Kanawha-Charleston Board of Health
Feb. 04, 2021
4:30-6 p.m.

Call to Order—President, Dr. Arthur Rubin

Roll Call

Ms. Forsythe called the roll; all were present, and a quorum was established.

The board observed a moment of silence for those who have died of COVID and for the health care workers fighting to end the pandemic.

Report of the President—Dr. Rubin

Upon motion by Mr. Scalise seconded by, Mr. Weber the minutes of the Oct. 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

Report of the Executive Director—Dr. Sherri Young

It's day 338 of health command. Case count is at 11,408 with 9,796 confirmed cases. Active cases are finally under the 2,000 mark. For weeks, they were over the 2,000-mark due to the holidays. Unfortunately, we do have 237 deaths from COVID in Kanawha County.

We were exceptionally successful in testing individuals all over the county and plan on offering twice-monthly testing clinics.

Vaccines started becoming available in mid-December. Vaccines begin degrading the moment they are opened and must be put in arms or wasted. Our goal is to get all COVID vaccine in arms.

We're guardedly optimistic about the state's preregistration system. We've been working a pilot program with them, calling individuals and scheduling

prime shots for those who have registered through the state system. There are some bugs, but it's working well overall.

We are working with community partners to do large Saturday vaccination clinics at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center.

KCHD is also piloting smaller projects in senior housing and community venues to get the vaccinations to people who may be unable to get downtown.

Report of the Division of Administrative Services—Ms. Carol McCormick

Department's financials are done and will be sent to the board.

The department is down slightly on income in the second quarter, but that's an expected, historical trend.

The department is in the process of applying for FEMA reimbursement for all COVID costs not covered by grants.

Report of the Division of Clinic Services—Ms. Deborah Snaman or designee

Deborah said the clinic continues daily testing for COVID and performing normal services, including childhood immunizations and testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

**Report of the Division of Environmental Health Services/
Division of Epidemiology—Mr. Stan Mills**

The state has still suspended routine restaurant inspections, but we continue to respond to complaints.

We respond to non-compliance complaints we receive from the state.

**Report of the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director/Health Officer—
Ms. Julie Blackwood**

The department's grants, particularly for radios, remain active. We're waiting to hear results.

A great deal of time is spent coordinating volunteers for vaccination sites and seeing that all those volunteers and staff members are fed—often twice a day.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

Public Comment

There was none.

New Business

Correspondence—from Kent Carper and others re: vaccine clinic leadership and volunteers.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Scalise, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sherri Young', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Sherri Young, DO, FAAFP
Board Secretary