



**Jefferson County Board of Health
Regular Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2020 9:00am
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Board Members Present: John Bresland (Chair), Ann Smith (Vice-Chair), Judith Jones, Anh Nguyen

Board Members Absent: Damien Hinck, Caleb Hudson (County Commissioner)

Also Present: Nathan Cochran (Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney), Dr. Terrence Reidy (Health Officer), Heather Yost (Registered Nurse), Gillian Beach (Acting Administrator, Sanitarian Supervisor), Kaitlin Lacey (Threat Preparedness Coordinator)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:04AM by Chairman Bresland. The agenda for today's meeting was presented and accepted.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action on Social Media Policy:

Members discussed the draft policy. Ms. Smith moved to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Ms. Jones moved to end executive session. Item was tabled until the April meeting.

New Business:

Activity Report:

- Health Administrator
 - Hiring 4 contact tracers
 - New office assistant will start on 12/21/2020
 - Working on Curative Labs mobile testing
 - Grievance hearing for dismissed employee has been scheduled
- Health Officer
 - COVID-19 vaccinations have passed clinical trials. Hospitals, EMS, and nursing homes are top priorities for vaccination.
 - Hiring additional contact tracers to help with increased workload
- Environmental
 - Most work is now covid-related, addressing complaints about businesses not enforcing mask use and social distancing

- Clinical
 - Clinical services postponed due to increased covid cases
 - Meeting this month to discuss telehealth options
 - 1 staff member is positive and under home isolation
- Threat Preparedness
 - Coordinating testing events
 - Planning for vaccine distribution

Discussion and Update Regarding COVID-19 and Related Issues:

Dr. Reidy shared graphs and statistics on COVID-19 in Jefferson County and the Eastern Panhandle. There has been a sharp increase in both the number of cases and the severity of illness.

Governor Justice's announcement of distribution of home-based covid tests:

Mr. Bresland discussed the process of obtaining and using a free home test kit through West Virginia's contract with Vault Health.

Approval of November 2020 Financial Reports:

Members received and discussed the financial reports. Ms. Smith moved to accept the November 2020 Financial Reports as presented. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

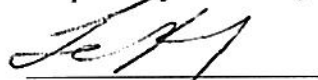
Approval of November 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes:

Ms. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2020 regular Board of Health meeting as presented. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence Reidy, Health Officer