



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

Board Members Present: John Bresland (Chair), Ann Smith (Vice-Chair), Judith Jones, Damien Hinck, Anh Nguyen, Caleb Hudson (County Commissioner)

Board Members Absent: none

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 9:03AM 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:

The Board discussed a draft social media policy based on one used by Cabell-Huntingdon Health Department. The draft will be revised and reviewed at the November meeting.

New Business:

Activity Report:

- Health Administrator
 - Working on advertising positions for Quick Response Team and other grant-funded hiring
- Health Officer
 - COVID-19 is still taking up the majority of staff time
 - Working to re-advertise administrator vacancy
- Environmental
 - Sanitarians are inspecting permitted establishments for compliance with COVID-19 guidelines as well as routine inspections
 - Developed local guidance for Halloween and trick-or-treating
- Clinical
 - Completed 3 flu clinics this week

- We now have 7 National Guard members working on COVID-19 contact tracing and patient monitoring
- All clinics are now reopened by appointment
- Threat Preparedness
 - Free COVID-19 testing event at Ranson – 405 tested, 9 positive
 - Continuing to meet with local, state, and regional partners on COVID-19 planning and response

Discussion and Update Regarding COVID-19 and Related Issues:

Numbers are down statewide in the past few weeks, with a few areas such as Morgantown having slightly elevated activity. Vaccines may become available early next year but it will take a significant amount of time to have a noticeable impact transmission rates.

Discussion of suggestion from Mr. Paul Raco that the Board and staff hold a round table meeting with septic installers:

Ms. Beach said she would be happy to hold a meeting with septic installers as an educational opportunity or question and answer session. Board members may want to be involved but the meeting would have to follow public notice procedures if there was a quorum. Ms. Beach will check on Berkeley County Health Department's procedures for such meetings and the Board will discuss at the next regular meeting.

Approval of September 2020 Financial Reports:

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

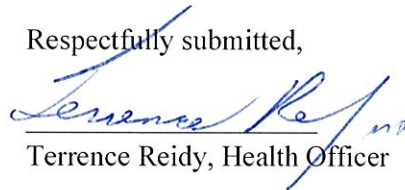
Approval of September 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes:

Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2020 regular Board of Health meeting as presented. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence Reidy, Health Officer