



**Jefferson County Board of Health
Regular Meeting Minutes: February 19, 2021 9:00am
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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

Board Members Absent: Caleb Hudson (County Commissioner)

Also Present: Nathan Cochran (Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney), Dr. Terrence Reidy (Health Officer), Gillian Beach (Acting Administrator, Sanitarian Supervisor), Dr. Joy Buck, Jonathan Cochran

Call to Order:

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

Approval of January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Judy Jones made a motion to approve the January 26, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Dr. Alexander Fleming said he has lived in Harpers Ferry for 20 years and would like to express his dismay that the citizens of Jefferson County have been neglected in regards to the vaccine distribution in the State.
- Pamela Miller asked how doses that are not administered due to missed appointments being handled and what is the county's relationship with Walgreen's for vaccine distribution?

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Smith said that at last night's meeting of the County Commission it did not look good for getting funding for the positions we requested. She stated we should come up with another funding request right away.

New Business:

Covid-19 Update:

- Dr. Reidy said he would make this the health officer update as well since it is all COVID related
- Dr. Reidy mentioned the decrease in new cases of Covid-19 and he mentioned that we are still doing contact tracing but our Guard support that has been doing the majority may soon be deployed elsewhere.
- Dr. Reidy said we will need someone to help with grant management and billing; he said we have a small staff with only 3 nurses to help vaccinate so we have hired some part-time nurses to help.

- There was some discussion about the disparity in distribution throughout our state

Vaccination Clinics Update:

Ms. Beach spoke of how much vaccine the county was expecting to receive and when and where the clinics would be held

Personnel Vacancy Replacement:

There was discussion and updates regarding 4 vacancies and the addition of a nurse

WV Senate Bill 12 and House Bill 2015:

There was discussion about both bills and the possible effects they could have on health department operations if passed.

Medical Reserve Corps:

- Dr. Joy Buck spoke about her experience and how she could help us get a Medical Reserve Corps started in order to facilitate and organize the process of using volunteers in public health emergencies
- Ms. Nguyen asked to be added to the planned biweekly meetings for updates on the MRC

Meeting with Michelle Gordon:

Mr. Bresland introduced Jonathan Cochran, a new part-time hire who is helping with budget and grant billing and management. There was discussion about the progress of billing the ELC grant.

Date for next Board Meeting:

Mr. Bresland will be out of town on the second Friday so Board members agreed to have the March Board meeting on the 19th

Audit Report and Finance Reports:

Audit Findings were all good, no discrepancies found. January finance report was unanimously accepted and approved.

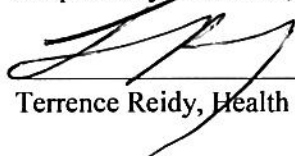
Preparation for Grievance Hearing on February 23rd:

Board voted to go into executive session to discuss the hearing. Ms. Nguyen made a motion to leave executive session and it was seconded and passed.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence Reidy, Health Officer