

# Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Roll Call: Chairman, Gari Lorenz, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerrett Jr., Jane Schaaf, Amanda Schultz, Pat Dearth, Dan McWilliams, Cindy Riniker, Sharon Steele, Ellen Brooks

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. McWilliams verified posting of agenda. Motion by Schaaf to approve agenda and corrected minutes with Pat Dearth in attendance at March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, second by Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

## COVID-19 Update – Cindy Riniker

- Cindy gave current covid numbers. We had two deaths in last two weeks. Cindy will continue to do bi-weekly metrics but the reopening plan will no longer be used since all three vaccines are widely available within the county.
- Testing in county continues. Providers test symptomatic people. Public Health continue to test on Mondays and other days on an as needed basis and the National Guard reinstated the community testing sites in the county due to our area being considered a desert location. Right now, they are scheduled through September but we had a few people use these sites so not sure how long that will continue.
- Variant testing – Cindy asked providers to send in positives results in for sequencing if they are for an reinfection, breakthrough infection or had international travel. There is currently one of the variants in our county.
- We are currently offering Pfizer and Janssen vaccines. Since there is no longer a vaccine shortage the recommendations have been changed to never miss an opportunity to get someone vaccinated even if we have to waste doses. Health Officers have requested repackaging into single dose vials, but there has been no word on if this will happen. We are doing a vaccination clinic in office today, and going to the schools tomorrow to vaccinate.

Currently 43.1% of Crawford County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, 39.6% have completed their series, and 79.5% of residents 65 and older have received 1 dose. 4225 vaccines have been administered by our department with another 156 this week. Cindy shared new CDC guidance regarding activities of vaccinated versus unvaccinated peoples

## Budget Updates – Dan McWilliams

The Covid funding received in 2020 helped the outcome of the 2020 budget which ended with a positive gain of just over \$300,000.

For 2021 placements, payroll, overhead, contracted services are all under budget. Children's placements are over budget. We will be receiving covid funding again in 2021.

## Agency updates

- Cindy shared communicable disease numbers.
- We will have a Bachelor's of Science in Community Health Education student interning with Public Health and Birth-to 3 at the end of June through July.

- Planned Parenthood believes there is a need for their services in the community and is requesting office space in the building. They are requesting it be an in kind donation but may be able to pay rent if needed. Dearth will check into the services offered by another place in Prairie du Chien and report back to the committee at the next meeting.
- Devan Martin met with Cindy asking for support to restart the Seal-A-Smile program under which she provided dental services to the Crawford County schools in the past. She started working with Bridging Brighter Smiles in 2019 with the understanding that services would be free to patients and later learned some patients without insurance were getting billed. Devan wants to go back to Seal-A-Smile where there is no charge to the families. North Crawford and Seneca Schools will switch to Seal-A-Smile. Wauzeka and Prairie du Chien schools already signed their contract with Bridging Brighter Smiles for another year. Cindy supports Devan starting up the Seal-A-Smile program again.
- Billboards - Cindy would like the committee's input on extending the billboards for two more months and changing the messaging to promote vaccinations. Cindy would work with Crossing Rivers again to prepare the art work. Board supported doing two more months.

#### Public Comment – Ellen Brooks

- DAWS – second round of testing was completed April 19<sup>th</sup>. Cindy hasn't heard results yet. Ellen mentioned if there was a concern in someone's water they were informed immediately. There will be a virtual meeting June 8<sup>th</sup> to review results.
- Ellen Brooks from Crawford Stewardship Project mentioned there will be a virtual public hearing June 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the expansion of the Roth Pig CAFO. Cindy will send the link to the committee member so they can attend.

#### Bills paid on Board Run

Dan reviewed bills. There were no questions.

#### Schedule Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

#### Adjourn

Motion by Dearth to adjourn, second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Steele