

# Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Roll call showed board members Gari Lorenz, Jane Schaaf, Don Stirling, Amanda Schultz present along with non-board members Dan McWilliams, Cindy Riniker, Sharon Steele, Forest Jahnke.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Lorenz. McWilliams verified posting of agenda. Motion by Schaaf, to approve agenda and 7/21/2021 minutes as mailed, second by Stirling. Motion carried unanimously.

## COVID-19 Update – Cindy Riniker

- Cindy shared Covid numbers (1918 total 22 deaths, currently 38 active cases and 7 open outbreaks) and metrics. Crawford County is currently in high transmission and disease activity.
- ICS is starting to meet again every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Testing continues here on Tuesdays and Thursday and as needed for people without insurance or are part of one of our contact investigations. Symptomatic people are sent to their doctors. There has been discussion with Accelerated Labs about setting up testing in northern part of the county.
- DHS says 98% of cases are delta variant.
- Federal vaccination or testing mandate begins October 19. There is concern about who will be doing testing.
- Vaccination clinics continue here with Pfizer and Janssen on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- The \$100 incentive to get vaccinated runs until September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Current vaccine numbers - 50.9% 12 and older had one dose and 48.7% completed series; 60.4% adults had one dose and 58% completed series; 81.5% of 65 and older has had one dose.
- Schools are meeting monthly. Started school year with mask optional, but now all schools except Wauzeka are wearing masks.
- Current PH practices will stay in place until vaccines are approved for all 6 months and older. After that Covid may be followed up on like other communicable diseases.
- Breakthrough infections for vaccinated people continue with mainly mild symptoms. Unvaccinated people tend to be sicker.

## Introduction of Interim Health Officer – Lisa Kennicker

- The State preapproved Lisa Kennicker, RN as the Interim Health Officer. Lisa fits all the qualifications and requirements requested by the State. This will start on October 1, 2021 which is Cindy's last day. Motion by Lorenz to accept Lisa as the Interim Health Officer, second by Stirling. Motion carried unanimously.

## Transition Planning

- Thank you and best wishes were given to Cindy.
- Health Department was honored last night by Chamber of Commerce and received a Service of the Year award.

- Dan reviewed several job descriptions he created. It doesn't mean we will hire for all these but it gives us options when advertising and recruiting. Lorenz made motion to take job descriptions to Personnel Committee for approval, second by Stirling. Motion carried unanimously.
- The ad for Health Officer closes on September 17, 2021. Dan would like a board member to help interview next Monday or Tuesday. Gary Lorenz offered to do this.
- Health Officer recruitment is difficult in Crawford County. We are a Level 2 Health Department currently but may have to look at going to Level 1 Health Department to allow for more options in recruiting. Discussion on options.

#### Budget Updates – Dan McWilliams

- 2021 budget – We are cautiously optimistic about year end, placement costs are concerning. Dan reviewed placements, payroll, overhead and revenue.
- 2022 budget – Finance approved holding some of the return back for items needed. Dan will put two budgets together for finance. One with levy and one without.

#### Agency Updates

- Budgeting for Mosquito Contract – Motion by Stirling to continue contract as is, second by Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.
- Communicable disease report shared.
- Influenza – Flu vaccination clinics at schools will be completed before Cindy leaves.
- DAWS – Discussing another round of testing. Funding is a major limiting factor. Crawford County Stewardship is happy to help with this again.
- CAFO – no updates.

#### Bills paid on Board Run

- Dan reviewed bills paid since July. There were no questions.

#### Schedule Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
- Combined budget meeting will be scheduled in October. Date to be announced.

Motion to adjourn by Stirling, second by Lorenz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Steele