

# Crawford County Board of Health Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Roll Call: Chairman, Gari Lorenz, Don Stirling, Pat Dearth, Karen Reilly, Jane Schaaf, Amanda Schultz,-  
Dan McWilliams, Cindy Riniker, Sonya Lenzendorf, Dave Collins, Jessica Spayde, Janet Witmir,

Meeting called to order at 10:31 a.m. Gari verified posting of agenda. Motion by Jane  
to approve agenda and minutes as mailed, second by Pat. Motion carried unanimously.

## COVID-19 Update – Cindy Riniker

- 133 positives, 118 recovered, following 5 outbreaks in Crawford County today
- 2 LTE staff to help with COVID follow-up and testing and immunizations
- Testing:
  - o Crossing Rivers will be closing drive-thru clinic Oct 2 (they will do testing in the clinic)
  - o Gundersen Onalaska close September 11, PDC Gundersen will test Oct 5
  - o Mayo Clinic still referred to La Crosse, only testing locally is OB and PreOp
  - o Kickapoo Clinic – referring to VMH Respiratory Clinic (VMH is thinking about opening another line for only a nurse to test because of more need)
  - o Crawford County Public Health is starting to test those with no insurance on Mon/Fri for one hour and is strictly by appointment.
  - o National Guard has been extended through December 10, sending less people and civilians need to help and be trained for future.
  - o Thoughts about another community testing date?
  - o Last 2-week Metrics Shared and Discussed
  - o Mobile Command Center will be used for community and outbreak testing in the future.
  - o Potential Regional strike team for testing (out of LaCrosse) being discussed
  - o Nursing Homes: Received antigen test machines. They are to test often. These tests are not highly accurate especially for asymptomatic people. If you have a positive antigen test, you need a NP test to confirm an active infection. Nursing Homes are mandated to test with these and the state does not have many answers as to how to use these effectively.
  - o K-12 Antigen Testing: Machines have not been sent yet but this is something that is supposed to happen. There are many logistics to figure out before this will happen.
- Mask Campaign Billboards – LAMAR Billboards, Crossing Rivers, George Family Foundation, City of PDC, Health & Human Services, Kiwanis Club, Mayo Clinic, Rotary Club. Will be up for 6 months.
- Governors Mask Mandate: Through September 28. Board agrees that Cindy should not pursue a mask mandate at this time locally.
- COVID-19 Vaccine – late 2020, early 2021, two dose vaccine, it is safe not sure how effective – how long will it cover. This will come out in stages – critical workforce, special needs, general population may not happen until summer of next year.
- Continue to meet and work with schools.

## Budget Updates – Dan McWilliams

- Working on budget.
- Still discussing a sanitarian position but the timing is not right with the pandemic
- Doubled the number of people accessing mental health services
- Key Fiscal Indicators Shared

### Agency Update

- Reportable disease follow-up overview

### Health Board Discussion on CAFO Moratorium – No Action

- CAFO-
  - PH supported an extension of the Moratoriums due to delay of ground water study and meetings due to COVID.
  - Land Conservation board did vote it down.
  - Will be providing a report to the board in October. Public Health will be providing input to that report.
  - Question about the DNR water test data? This is private data not public.
  - Question about Public Health Committee taking this to the entire county board. Discussion around this.

### Bills Paid on the Board Run

- Dan shared the bills that were paid.

### Schedule Next Meeting –

Next meeting is the budget meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting Scheduled for November, 18, 10:30

### Adjourn

Motion by Karen to adjourn, second by Jane. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sonya Lenzendorf