

The Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

November 16, 2022

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2022, at the Warren County Health Department.

Members present: Dr. Elton Brown (Chairman), Dr James Crenshaw (Vice Chairman), Ms. Linda Baker, Ms. Cheryl Coffman, Mrs. Candice White

Others present: Dr. Margaret Brake, Wenona Mills, Andrea Goode and Tanisha Lyons.

The Board Chair requested roll call for members that were on conference call. Conference call attendees were Mrs. Eva Brown and Dr. Merwin Dieckmann.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Elton Brown and a moment of silence was observed.

Ms. Linda Baker moved to waive the Conflict-Of- Interest Statement and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

There was no public comment.

The September 2022 minutes were reviewed. Dr. Crenshaw moved to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Ms. Coffman. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Finance Report. The Master Revenue is a summary of revenues through October 2022. We have received 178.06% of revenues from MCOs and 34% in State Grants; more will be added in the next reporting period. The FY 21-22 final closing report has a revised budget of \$4,519,705.00. Expenses were \$3,062,136.82 which matched our revenues. We were under budget due to fact that we received State grants near the end of the year and we were not able to implement the programs and spend money by end of fiscal year. Most of this funding carried over to this current fiscal year. Ms. Baker moved to approve the financial report and seconded by Ms. White. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

At the last meeting, there were six positions on the BOH in which their terms would expire in December 2022. Linda Baker and Dr. Dieckmann were approved for reinstatement. Dr. Christian O'Malley will fill the vacant Veterinarian position. Dr. Brake will submit all recommendations for new BOH members and well as reinstatements to the Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners to be approved by the commissioners. We are still working on getting the nurse position and member at large filled (currently held by Jerry Bolton).

Ms. Coffman moved to approve the Statements of Interest to Serve and seconded by Dr. Crenshaw. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Wenona Mills, Director of Nursing presented the Flu/Communicable Disease Report. Flu cases has increased over the last two weeks there was low activity during height of COVID-19. There has been 5 flu associated deaths in North Carolina and 1 pediatric no deaths for Warren County. The CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated for the flu. Resident can make appointments on Fridays to get their vaccination.

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Staff Updates

Two new staff – Ariel Holtzman, EH Specialist and Miriam Rideout, MH Coordinator. Mike Smith, HH nurse resigned and currently seeking applicants for all vacant nursing positions.

COVID-19 Case Counts

NC DHHS Data as of Nov 10th:

Total Cases = 5,375 (Sept Report = 5,197)

Total Deaths = 51

CDC Tracker: 7-Day COVID-19 Level of Transmission in Warren County is Low (Green).

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Cases	13
Tests Performed	155
% Positivity	8.72%

Vaccinations Update

COVID-19 Vaccines: The Warren County Health Department is currently administering the Moderna and Pfizer new Fall booster vaccines by appointment. Moderna boosters are for those 18 years and older and Pfizer is for those 12 years and older. In order to be eligible for this booster, it must have been at least 2 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine. We are still providing vaccinations (initial series) for anyone 6 months of age and older. Vaccination clinics are held twice a week at the health department on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Warren County Total Population Vaccination Status:

People Vaccinated with at Least One Dose: **11,681**

People Vaccinated with Initial Series Complete: **10,996**

People Vaccinated with at Least One New Booster Dose: **1,541**

Percent of Population Vaccinated with at Least One Dose: **59%**

Percent of Population Vaccinated with Initial Series Complete: **56%**

Percent of Population Vaccinated with at Least One New Booster Dose: **8%**

Flu Vaccines: Flu shots are administered on Fridays. Health Department also held special clinic days in October for county employees to receive flu vaccines.

Other Updates

OptumServe, an NC DHHS state vendor is still conducting weekly COVID-19 testing at the Warren County Armory Civic Center. Last month, Optum began providing flu antigen tests. NC DHHS is closing a number of sites across the state on November 30th. I have requested to extend and am awaiting a decision from the state.

On October 4th from 2pm-6pm, the health department hosted a Community Health Day. Attendees received health and safety information, 100 free COVID and 18 HIV Home Test kits, child bike helmets, 6 car seats, 11 bassinets, 4 pack and plays, 58 medication lock boxes, dropped off unused or expired medications, etc. Vaccination services were provided by the health department, Hands only CPR training was offered by EMS and Eastpointe's Mobile Care Unit was also onsite to provide assessment services.

Staff also participated in the Town of Warrenton's Harvest Fest on October 8th in which we provided information on our services, brochures on diabetes and other health topics, as well as free COVID and HIV Home Test Kits, child bike helmets and medication lock boxes. Both events were well attended.

Warren County Opioid Settlement – The health department is assisting the county administration with facilitating an Opioid Workgroup which will decide how the county will use funds for the opioid settlement funds. The group held its initial meeting on August 25th and will meet again this month to continue discussions regarding the use of the funding.

The health department also applied and received a grant from Eastpointe on behalf of the county in the amount of \$50,000 to support our Mental Health Officer and to offer mini-grants to faith and community-based organizations to provide services to address homelessness in Warren County.

The health department assisted the county in the development and release of a Request for Proposals aimed at non-profit and faith-based organizations to provide community support services for those who are experiencing housing instability and homelessness. The timeline for the Request for Proposals is as follows:

- October 24, 2022: Opening date to receive requests
- October 31, 2022: Deadline to submit questions
- November 18, 2022: Deadline to submit proposals by 5:00 pm
- November 28, 2022: Funds awarded for approved requests

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ 6:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Dr. Elton Brown, Board Chair

Dr. Margaret Brake, Secretary