



Taney County Health Department
Board of Trustees Meeting
320 Rinehart Road, Branson, Missouri
April 22, 2021
2:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Redford, Secretary Treasurer
Laurie Hayes, Member
Beth Huddleston, Member

EX-OFFICIO:

Lisa Marshall, Interim Director
Hugo Huacuz, Finance Division Manager
Tiffany Stevens, Human Resource Coordinator
Kathryn Metzger, EHS Manager

Debbie Redford called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 2:31 pm in the virtual meeting via Zoom and audio.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Laurie Hayes and seconded by Debbie Redford. Motion passes unanimously.

No guests were in attendance.

Review to approve minutes from the previous Board Meeting of March 25, 2021 as presented by Laurie Hayes and seconded by Beth Huddleston. Motion passes unanimously.

Review of Financial Reports

Motion to approve March 1 – March 31, 2021 financial report, disbursements and accounts receivable by Laurie Hayes and seconded by Beth Huddleston. Motion passes unanimously.

Hugo Huacuz gave the financial report. Hugo reports that there is a negative balance but that he expects this to change in the next quarter. He also stated that we will receive the CARES funding and that this will increase our cash balances.

Laurie Hayes asked about an outstanding bill to the State of Missouri. Hugo explained it was for TB testing and that he would look into this.

Debbie Redford asked about an outstanding bill from the Public Water Works for water testing.

Debbie Redford asked about an outstanding bill to a local grocery store and Hugo explained that the funds needed to come from the City of Hollister. Debbie & Laurie said they will talk to the Assistant City Administrator in Hollister about this matter.

Laurie asked about the grant revenue and Lisa explained that we did not have to use it all at once.

Monthly revenues are \$31,659 less than budget
Year to date revenues are \$127,798 less than budget
Monthly expenses are \$14,584 more than budget
Year to date expenses are \$32,304 less than budget

Currently there is a negative net position of \$180,494.

Director's Report

Lisa Marshall reported that we continue to focus our efforts on vaccine distribution but that we are seeing a small rise in the number of positive covid cases. We had 7 new cases on April 17th, 2021 and we usually see 2 to 3 new cases a day. We continue to lean on technology and Teletask for case investigations. We use self-reporting through our web site for quarantine. We do have a lag time in the cases with our limited days in the office. We have testing for covid in the office on non-clinic days. Our current efforts are on vaccine.

The city of Branson no longer has a mask ordinance. Masks are still in place for Branson schools. Modified quarantine will remain in effect if masks are worn. If they give up masks, then we go back to regular quarantine.

Silver Dollar City will continue with its mask ordinance, Debbie reported.

COVID Vaccine Update-

We have given approximately 13,000 vaccines in Taney County. Kathryn reported that according to the state web site, 8567 county residents are fully vaccinated. This is 15.3% of the total population of 55,928. As of April 16, 2021, TCHD has fully vaccinated 6061 people. This represents 10.8% of the total population. 22.1% have had at least one dose of vaccine. 3819 people are waiting for their 2nd dose. This will complete an additional 6.8% of the population.

We continue to have our clinics at the Branson Meadows Mall. We are phasing away from Pfizer and switching to Moderna. Pfizer is sent to us in lots of 1170. Moderna can be ordered in lots of 100, so it is easier for us to store and order. We have quite a bit of Moderna in our freezer and we will use that and order more as needed. 4-22-2021 was the last day to get your first Pfizer shot at TCHD. Clinic days are now Tuesday afternoons and Thursdays for 9 to 4pm. All MO residents age 16 and above can get the Pfizer vaccine. Age 18 and above for Moderna vaccine. We have reached out to C of O, Elevate Branson and the faith based community about possible clinics at these sites. We will continue to use our current site as needed. Children age 12 and above may be able to get vaccine if approved.

We also might be able to use the site for some back to school vaccine clinics since we have been unable to see children in the office for the past year.

Debbie asked if we might be able to do a clinic at the community building at Kissee Mills.

LPHA COVID-19 and Adult Vaccination Supplemental Contract-

Lisa reported that the state Health Department is working on a supplemental contract for all health departments. This will be a broad funding source. It is a 3 year, \$176,000 contract. The funds can be used at any time during the 3 years. It will include funding for flu, hepatitis, tetanus and covid vaccines. This will help offset some of the expenses from covid. We can apply the funds retroactive from February 1, 2021. The intent is to use the funds as wisely as possible.

Community Narcan Distribution Site

Kathryn reported that we are able to be a Narcan distribution site for Taney County. This would be made available to anyone in the county that has a need for the medicine. We already have it for the first responders. It is an opportunity in our community to help with the overdose deaths. The leadership team would like to see this program implemented. It will be supplied from the state at no cost to us.

Lodging facilities have asked that they have this on hand. Concerns from Laurie that if we have it readily available, people might use more drugs knowing they have this available. Debbie was concerned about the shelf life of the drug. Laurie asked about our liability if we supply this for everyone.

Lisa reported that we would like to implement this for our community. We will do promotion to a specialized audience and education as needed. Kara Miller, the community educator will be contacted for education materials.

In Person Board Meetings-

Lisa spoke about returning to in person board meetings with social distancing. Beth said that zoom is very convenient for her at certain times of the year. Laurie said she is happy with either. Debbie reported that she is ready for in person meetings. Lisa said we will continue to make zoom available. Lisa will make a formal recommendation for the next board meeting.

Unfinished Business- No unfinished business.

New Business

Debbie Redford said that all people in Taney County now know how hard all people at TCHD work. There have been nothing but good reports from the community about how well we are operating. There have been no environmental service complaints according to Laurie Hayes.

Laurie Hayes reported that the lodging community has a concern for smoking medical marijuana in hotel rooms. Since it is legal from a federal level, it is hard to control. Smoking in the rooms will damage the room, make cleaning hard and the need to replace or change soft goods like blankets and curtains is an issue. Debbie Redford asked for clarification on the no-smoking policy for all hotels. Police can't be called for smoking in rooms.

Lisa said that the state health department might have information on how to handle this issue. Kara Miller can contact the state to get any information available.

Division Reports-

Motion to postpone closed session by Debbie and seconded by Beth for when there is a fuller board available. Motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting is May 27, 2021 at 2:30 pm.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:30 PM by Beth Huddleston and seconded by Laurie Hayes. Motion carries unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Leslie Stricklin

Signed by_____

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