



Taney County Health Department
Board of Trustees Meeting
320 Rinehart Road, Branson, Missouri
January 27, 2022
2:30 PM

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

EX-OFFICIO: Lisa Marshall, Director
Hugo Huacuz, Finance Division Manager
Tiffany Stevens, Human Resource Coordinator
Pam Priest, Clinical Division Manager
Tammie Drake, WIC Division Manager

Virtual meeting conducted via zoom.

Call to Order

Debbie Redford called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 2:40 PM.

Review of Today's Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Laurie Hayes and seconded by Beth Huddleston. The motion passes unanimously.

Review of Minutes

Motion to approve board minutes for December 21, 2021 by Beth Huddleston and seconded by Laurie Hayes. The motion passes unanimously.

Review of Financial Report by Hugo Huacuz

Financial Reports for December 2021

- YTD revenues are \$313,284 more than budgeted.
- YTD expenditures are \$149,925 less than budgeted.
- At the end of December 2021, the financials reflect \$123,211 positive net position.
- Cash balance increased \$412,255 as compared to 2019 and increased \$ 259,190 compared to 2020.

Hugo reported that the finance department has planned their audit for the end of this February.

Motion to approve the December 2021 financial report, disbursements, and accounts receivable by Laurie Hayes and seconded by Beth Huddleston. The motion passes unanimously.

Director's Report by Lisa Marshall

COVID-19 Update:

Lisa Marshall presented a COVID-19 update to Cox Medical Center Branson's Board of Trustees on the morning of January 27, 2022. Lisa shared that presentation to the board. Lisa reported that Taney county began to have a rise in the number of positive COVID cases in December of 2021 and that the number of positive cases has continued to increase. Lisa reported that there were approximately 590 new COVID cases in Taney county during the week of January 15 – January 21. Lisa shared that she has had conversations with health leaders in other counties, specifically Springfield-Greene county, and that the leaders have reported that they have observed that the number of new cases in their counties have begun to plateau. Lisa is optimistic that our numbers have started to plateau as well. Lisa explained that COVID numbers are underreported for a few reasons, including but not limited to: residents are not getting tested when symptomatic and household members of a COVID positive case are presumed to be positive but not actually tested.

Testing: Lisa reported that the department is still offering free COVID-19 rapid testing to the community. The department can test approximately 20 people per day, and Lisa reported that the testing has been running at capacity for several weeks. Due to the demand in the community for testing and the increase in positive cases, the department is only testing if the client is symptomatic. A client can expect a test result within about 20 minutes. Lisa reported that approximately 230 COVID tests were conducted at the department from January 1 – January 21 and that of those tested during that time frame, approximately 40% were positive. The department had a single day record positivity rate of 70% one-day last week. Lisa reported that Cox has reopened their mobile testing unit.

Sewershed Study: Lisa discussed the most recent findings of the sewershed study with the board. Test samples are taken from two locations in Taney county: Cooper Creek and Compton Drive. Omicron was first detected in the sewage of Taney county around mid-December 2021 and it continues to be the dominant variant in the sewage samples.

Vaccination Efforts: Lisa shared an overview of the vaccination efforts within Taney county with the board. The following data is not specific to those who have been vaccinated with the department. She reported, per the state's COVID-19 dashboard, that 45.8% of Taney county residents have initiated vaccination and that 40.7% have completed a vaccination series. On average, during the last 7 days, 66 vaccines were given each day. The vaccination rate of various age groups was provided and is as follows: 5-17 year olds (17.7%), 18yrs+ (54.4.%), and 65yrs+ (72.2%). Lisa also shared an overview of the department's vaccination efforts for the past couple months. In December 2021, the department administered 431 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, 205 doses of the Moderna vaccine, and 35 doses of the pediatric (5-11 years) Pfizer vaccine. In January 2022, the department administered 188 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, 86 doses of the Moderna vaccine, and 32 doses of the pediatric (5-11 years) Pfizer vaccine. The department has observed less of a demand for the Moderna vaccine than Pfizer. The department will continue to administer vaccine if the demand persists.

Website Update: Lisa reported that the department has recently updated the COVID sections of our website and that many links will direct viewers to the CDC as a way to ensure that the information is up to date. A link inquiring about interest in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination will remain on the homepage.

2022 Jurisdictional Contracts:

Lisa reported that she went to the City of Branson's Board of Aldermen meeting on January 11 and that they voted to approve the annual environmental contract for 2022. The aldermen reported that they will be seeking solutions to ensure that the contract amount returns to the original funding amount in 2023. The City of Hollister approved the annual environmental contract for 2022.

Statewide Health Disparities Initiative:

The department increased the requested amount of funding after perhaps underestimating the total cost. If approved, the department will receive funding that will account for a new COVID testing machine, a new van that will allow staff to go and provide services in the community, and staffing time.

Employee Handbook:

Extensive changes have been made to the employee handbook and an overview of the changes will be emailed to the board for review. The employee handbook will be discussed at a future board meeting and the board will vote on the changes.

Staffing Update:

The department is currently seeking applicants for an environmental public health specialist and an accountant. Two environmental health specialists have given their resignations. The second environmental health specialist position will not be posted at this time. Interviews are to begin soon for the environmental health specialist position. Debbie Redford inquired about seeking graduates from nearby colleges to fill the vacant accountant position. Tiffany Stevens reported that when there is a job opening at the department, she reaches out to professors and career centers at the colleges.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to review.

New Business

Social Media Policy: The department asked the board for approval to turn off the comments section of the department's posts on Facebook. Motion to turn off the comments section by Laurie Hayes and seconded by Beth Huddleston. The motion passes unanimously.

Division Reports

There were no division reports.

Announcements

Next board meeting is February 24th at 2:30PM. The decision will be made in the coming weeks if it is to be a virtual meeting or an in-person meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:17 PM by Beth Huddleston and seconded by Laurie Hayes. The motion passes unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Lindsay Lawver