



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES

Date: March 17, 2021

Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioner Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:52 am

Adjourned: 10:07 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, March 17th 2021 in the Commissioners room of the Lyon County Government Center at 607 West Main Street in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Salfer.

Members present: Rick Anderson
Steve Hauswedell
Les Nath
David Thiner
Jim Salfer
Charles Sanow
Rick Wakefield
Dennis Welgraven
Dan Wildermuth

Members present by phone: Sherri Thompson
Corey Sik
Lois Schmidt

Members absent: Jeane Anderson
Greg Burger
Carol Ann Flahaven
Joan Jagt
Steve Schulze

Staff present: Carol Biren Sarah Kirchner
Cindy Nelson Tanlee Noomen
Nancy Walker Beth Wilms

Staff present by phone: Monica Christianson

K. Consent Agenda –

Chairperson Salfer asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. Salfer asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. Chairperson Salfer asked if there were any corrections to the February 17th, 2021 Board minutes. Motion by Anderson second by Sanow: To approve the Agenda and Board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Financial –

Chairperson Salfer stated the financial report had been presented during the Human Services Board meeting and forwarded on to the Governing Board for final approval. Motion made by Wildermuth second by Nath: To move the financials to the Governing Board. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Caseload –

Chairperson Salfer asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the caseload. None stated.

N. Discussion/Information –

Carol Biren, Public Health Director, came forward and presented the Board with COVID-19 update. Biren explained it has been a year since the Incident Command Team was formed on March 13, 2020 and began working with COVID-19. She talked about partner meetings and planning for what could happen and then responding to what actually happened. A hotline and essential services team was formed to respond. Staff worked with businesses, schools and the community on the response. They also worked on educating the public on the Executive Orders. Staff worked with schools on reopening plans and mass COVID testing events were held. Throughout the pandemic, there were investigations of outbreaks from large events to school or workplace outbreaks. Work also took place to protect the safety of our SWHHS staff: teleworkers were deployed and many safety measures were put in place. When vaccine clinics started, 25 temp nurses were employed to assist with administering the COVID vaccine. A graph was given to the Board on number of vaccines the Agency has administered. Discussion on vaccine availability and it was reported the demand is still greater than supply.

O. Decision Items –


None

Chairperson Salfer asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:07am.

Approved Date 4/21/2021

Authorized 
Chairperson, Community Health Board


Recording Secretary, Community Health Board

Attest: 
Director