



**Delaware County Health Department  
Board of Health Meeting  
May 5, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDEES**

Rosemarie Halt, Chair  
Lily Higgins, MD, Vice Chair  
Patrick Brennan, MD  
Annemarie Hirsch  
Oni Richards

- I. There being a duly convened quorum, Chair Rosemarie Halt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- II. Chair Announcements: Agendas available in the back of room. The Board of Health held an executive session on May 4, 2022 to review litigation. Possible change of schedule for July's Board of Health meeting; will be provided at a later date.
- III. There was no public comment on the agenda items.
- IV. Approval of minutes: Rosemarie Halt made the motion to accept the March 3, 2022 meeting minutes, approved by Annemarie Hirsch; seconded by Dr. Patrick Brennan. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Board Updates
  - a. Director Lyon provided update on DCHD has been operational since April 2, 2022 doing all fundamental public health work. There are vacancies in the organizational chart; recruitment is underway and going well.
  - b. Developing the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 budget and will have an update at next Board of Health meeting.
  - c. Per CDC, Delco is still in low status for Covid numbers, taking into consideration positive individual reporting, hospital rates; a bit over 9%. Still in a pandemic but decisions made are unchanged; vaccines, therapeutics, testing are all in a manageable area; we will watch the trends.
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. Board of Health members will receive updates from Division Administrators on Friday or Monday before the Board of Health meeting so you can review and address any questions to any of the Administrators. Trying to expedite magnitude of information coming to you. If you'd like to approve them, they can be part of public record.

**Question from Dr. Brennan to Lisa O'Mahony, MD: How are you planning for vaccine program for under 5-year-old children?**

Anticipating happening in early June. Plan for the County is to have exclusive pediatric vaccination clinics at Yeadon; coordinating with pediatric offices. They may need some support; will support them. Stats are low; 20% interested in having their children vaccinated.

Childhood vaccines are in catch up mode; children got back on track when the pandemic quieted down. Concentrated on the under 2 population for initial immunizations. Director Lyon offered Dr. Brennan a report now that we have access to data.

**Question from Oni Richards: What are the DCHD's outreach and engagement efforts on a community level to address vaccine hesitancy for children under 5?** The DCHD is promoting safety and efficacy of vaccines for the hesitant; maybe use community-level work to discuss vaccines outside of the pediatrician's offices. Able to plan for that in the next few weeks. Over 5 age group easier to vaccinate in school systems; we will support the under 5 population. Baldwin site is in same building as WIC; will look into that and Director Lyon will report back.

- b. Discussed the next Board of Health meeting scheduled for July 7 date; discussed meeting being virtual or moving the date due to vacations. Voted to do meeting virtually; quorum reached. Comply with Sunshine Act; directors can be virtual but meeting room needs to be set up for the public to view virtual meeting.
- c. Litigation of the County is tabled at this time.

**VII. Public Comment** – County Deputy Solicitor Jon Lichtenstein noted Board Members are not required to answer any questions and that public comment period for Board of Health is 3 minutes. Public Comment asked to state name and address.

- a. Terry Bell, 43 Preston Rd., Media  
Hoping the DCHD is a health department for everyone and permits medical freedom.
- b. Kathy McIntyre, 215 Cherry Hill Lane, Broomall  
read DCHD mission; includes factors outside doctors and hospitals to implement change. Happy to see wellness and prevention information on the site.
- c. Sarah Johnson, Delco resident  
Still masking; families should be able to provide guidance on masking for children under 5. There is mandated masking for them; but won't mandate unmasking.

**VIII.** Board of Health Chair, Rosemarie Halt, thanked everyone for their comments. Board of Health members and Director Lyon had no comments. Motion was made to adjourn; seconded by Oni Richards and was approved by Dr. Patrick Brennan.

Next Meeting July 7, 2022; virtual and in-person hybrid.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa C. Lyon, MPH, CPH  
Board Secretary