



**Delaware County Health Department
Board of Health Meeting
June 1, 2023**

ATTENDEES

Rosemarie Halt, Chair
Lily Higgins, MD, Vice Chair
Oni Richards
Annemarie Hirsch
P.J. Brennan, MD

Meeting Minutes

- I. There being a duly convened quorum, Chair Rosemarie Halt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Chair Announcements
 1. Announcement there was a Board of Health Executive Session held May 18, 2023.
 2. Also noted was Maternal and Child Health received funding for the doula program.
- III. Public comment on the agenda items: None
- IV. Approval of minutes: Rosemarie Halt made the motion to accept the March 2, 2023 meeting minutes, including Divisional Reports. Approved by Anne Marie Hirsch, seconded by Lily Higgins. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Board Updates
 1. COVID pandemic emergency declaration expiration at state and federal level. Vaccine, testing, and therapeutics offered at no cost but may come at a cost in the future. If supplies available at DCHD or affordable for procurement, they will continue to be available at no cost.
 - Reporting no longer required with CDC. Local reporting has been changed, but not required to be reported. Need to report outbreaks by long-term-care facilities, schools, etc. Covid-specific funding will eventually be terminated. We will message Covid similarly to all respiratory infectious diseases. Do not have plans to message Covid specifically.
 2. Budget Overview
 - Director Lyon reviewed the proposed budget to the Board; not yet approved by County Council.
 - Scope and activities drive the grants. Reviewed expenditures and grant dollars leveraged.
 - DCHD is not a fully staffed health department; after year 5, budget plan will increase. County contribution was less this year than last year. Leveraged grant dollars against personnel.
 - A 10M budget had been proposed; DCHD came in under the allotted amount. This budget is built on the eligible Act 315; \$6 per capita (\$3M). County contribution is 38% of total budget. DCHD will always build-in what we are entitled to according to the law. DCHD costs included:
 - Start-up costs
 - Covid Task Force costs
 - Operational costs
 - Came in under budget. ELC grant (Epi Laboratory Capacity); Act 315 state aid is in perpetuity.
 - DCHD should be receiving the full base grant and will get subsequent available funds for STDs and TB. Director Lyon was open to questions from the Board; there were none.
 - Vector Born Disease Control Program.
 - Director Lyon presented a slide deck (attached).
- VI. New Business
 - Population Health presentation – James Plummer (attached).

- Qualtrics is assisting with data from the DCHD Call Center; received 1173 calls to date. Most request types of calls in 2022-23:
 1. Covid
 2. STD's
 3. Environmental Health complaints
 5. Epi – Lead poisoning

- “Delco Revive” is a pilot program in Chester; lessen the stigma of opioid substance-use disorder and distribute Narcan.
 1. **Question: Does DCHD know anything about the drug supply of Fentanyl and Xylazine in the County?** The program is just evolving. Began in Chester and will go to Upper Darby; the program may not address the drug stream of Fentanyl and Xylazine. Narcan is critical to at least stabilize the person. DES keeps track of opioid calls.
 - a. There are two pharmacies in Chester; some do not have stock of Narcan. Goal is to try to stock the pharmacies with it. Hospitals seeing more wound infections due to Xylazine.
 - b. There is a county drug and alcohol dept.; the DCHD Wellness Line can assist in directing the calls to the proper dept. This will change to accommodate the needs of Delco.

- Held free mammograms in a mobile unit operated by Jefferson Health.
 1. Advertised on DCHD website, at Yeadon Wellness Center, and Jefferson advertised.
 2. Had 100% participation. If there were any positive tests, Jefferson scheduled follow-up appointment at no cost. Jefferson is interested in continued partnership with DCHD.
 3. Future mammogram events will be at our Yeadon Wellness Center.

- Community Health Assessment Update (CHA) – Bree Agett
 - Bree is a consultant assisting the DCHD and liaising with Qualtrics. Presentation is attached.
 - The CHA is the voice of community members telling us what their health needs are in their communities.
 - The CHA is available in nine languages so all residents can complete it. Tracking where respondents reside establishing effective marketing strategies to reach the communities and reflect the community demographics.
 - **Question: Have you thought of someone doing the survey in the targeted populations:** Yes. Some of the DCHD Community Health Workers are assisting with residents completing the forms. They can also call the DCHD Wellness Line for assistance.
 - If BOH members can do a direct campaign, CHA committee has flyers; also post on your personal social media; send us your ideas. If any BOH members would like to be involved with the focus groups, you're welcome to.

- Questions regarding Division Reports
 - BOH members receiving them in a timely manner; no questions.
 - Public comment – none.
- Director Lyon informed the BOH members the NALBOH Annual conference is July 30 –

August 2 in Tacoma, WA

VII. Public Comment

- Angela Walker, Radnor Township wanted to know the name of the chemical being sprayed for mosquitos. Also wanted to know if the county has any reviews of what was implemented during Covid and presented the Board with a book regarding sudden deaths from the Covid vaccine.
- Sarah Johnson, Haverford Township stated she is seeing long-term effects of masking children and the data that supports it. She saw a contest on a social media page that mentioned making a tik tok video. She also went to her police department to report the post.
- Dr. Patricia Bleasdale, Glen Mills stated she made it through statistics classes through prayer and talked about the sampling of people for the CHA. Avoid self-selection and ramp up efforts to get the sample the DCHD is looking for.
- Carla Hold, Glenolden spoke about mental health access and immediate follow-up care. Would like the BOH to follow up on mental health, lead contained in vaccines giving them poison, and why there is an increase in Autism in the last 30 years.

VIII. Motion to adjourn made by Chair Rosemarie Halt; approved by Lily Higgins, seconded by Annemarie Hirsch.

Next Meeting September 7, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa C. Lyon, MPH, CPH
Board Secretary