

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) – VIA ZOOM
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH: Share vaccine demographic data with BOH

In attendance for meeting: Denise Chrysler, Ed Dore, Jenn Granning, Joel Murr, Nino Rodriquez, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Derrell Slaughter, Alexander Woods, Barbara Worgess

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm by Temporary Board Chair- Denise Chrysler

Additions to Agenda: None

Limited Public Comment:

None

Approval of February Minutes- February minutes approved as written

Announcements: Denise thanked Jan for all of her contributions.

1. Introductions/Opening Comments – Denise Chrysler

Denise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Board of Health Chair and Vice Chair Appointment

Denise asked for nominations for BOH Chair. Derrell was nominated, Derrell declined the nomination. Alexander was nominated. Nomination period for Board Chair was closed. Alexander was voted unanimously as Board Chair. Nominations were taken for Vice Chair: Denise and Ed nominated Garry. Garry declined the nomination. Garry and Ed nominated Derrell for Vice Chair, Alexander asked if Derrell was opposed to the position of Vice Chair. Derrell accepted the nomination. Alexander called to vote. Derrell was appointed as Vice Chair.

3. ICHD update- Joel Murr

Joel stated that ICHD is focused on vaccination efforts. Those efforts are going well however, vaccine supply is still limited. Joel announced that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was approved and ICHD will receive the first Johnson and Johnson doses this week. This is a single dose vaccine and will ease the infrastructure demands that are caused by second doses. Johnson and Johnson will also be ideal for those who have trouble committing to a second appointment. ICHD has given 7500 vaccines so far, Meijer has also began to receive vaccine allocations. Currently, ICHD is working to finish priority groups 1A and 1B. Joel noted that the State did open up spots for food production, farming and meat packing workers. Those openings started on 3/1/2021. ICHD has 70,000 people registered to receive the vaccine. ICHD is currently vaccinating 65+ at least 75% of the vaccine allocation goes to those in that range. The remaining 25% of doses has been allocated for employment eligibility. Joel announced that there would be a pilot vaccination event on Saturday at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. The Pavilion vaccination site is hoping to add some outdoor lanes. ICHD has partnered with MSU to provide 1600 staff to help with vaccination efforts. ICHD is also trying to expand outreach in the community.

Joel explained how ICHD is using the Social Vulnerability Index and zip code data to determine what sites to target. ICHD is also using that data to determine potential vaccination sites. Joel explained that ICHD is receiving a van to go into the community and vaccinate people. These mobile events will be focused on areas with a high social vulnerability score and high rates of COVID-19. ICHD will also be partnering with churches and local organizations to help host events. Joel stated that ICHD has also partnered with Lansing Urgent Care to help distribute leftover doses. Joel shared the social vulnerability Index, noting that it takes several criteria into account and generate scores for each county, zip code and census track. Joel stated that this does not guarantee that vaccines get to the most vulnerable populations and it really depends on the local community to ensure that vulnerable areas are reached. This score is used to help the State determine how many doses of vaccine distributors receive. ICHD has been collecting demographic data and using to hold ICHD vaccination efforts accountable at the zip code level. However, since those fields were not available in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) ICHD has had to pull staff and go through the forms to enter that information after the fact, this glitch has since been fixed. The State has offered to help enter that data but it has been challenging to get accurate race and ethnicity data. Denise asked if we had been able to track vaccination efforts based on race and ethnicity. Joel stated that he can look into that. Denise stated that this is a hot topic issue. Joel stated that this is a good example of COVID-19 highlighting disparities.

Joel announced that ICHD has applied for 2500 additional doses that will allow us to vaccinate people 60-64 in the areas that have been determined as vulnerable. ICHD will then partner with other organizations to do a targeted outreach and get them registered and scheduled to vaccinate people in those census tracks. ICHD has also partnered with Refugee Development Center, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Cristo-Rey and area churches to hold vaccination events. Nino asked for the demographics by zip code and that be sent out to the BOH. Nino asked how the vaccination efforts are going for teachers. Joel stated that is going well and 25% of the vaccine is going to occupation based. Nino asked if all teachers who want the vaccine will be vaccinated by April 15. Joel feels confident that we are doing a good job working through that list. Nino asked how the department will continue to reach out to those who are hesitant to receive the vaccine. Joel stated that we will continue to reach out to the community and will be hosting a town hall in Spanish.

4. BOC Update- Derrell

Derrell stated that Ingham County is moving forward with Climate Change as a public Health crisis with some carbon reduction actions. Commissioner Trubac is working on that resolution and determining what that would mean for our leadership and facility departments. They will be looking for a consultant to help guide those efforts. Garry asked if they have been working with Lansing BWL. Derrell stated that he will be recommending that they work closely with BWL and Consumers Energy. Garry suggested Angie Goodman would be an excellent person to work with. She gave a presentation on the Lead Service lines in Lansing last year. Denise stated that she also worked on installing public charging stations in Lansing. Garry stated that he can connect Derrell with Angie, Derrell stated that Commissioner Trubac would be a better fit for that contact. Alexander would like to know if there is more discussion about recycling and how is that being brought into the conversation. Derrell stated that Tri-County Regional Planning has tackled recycling efforts. Derrell stated that they are currently looking at emissions, noting that recycling has not been identified as a path towards lowering emissions.

5. Racial Equity Taskforce Update- Alexander Woods

Alexander shared that at the last meeting they discussed how to bring community members in to discuss and get informed on the issues that people are seeing. There are a couple people who are willing to talk to the taskforce and are willing to provide insight to those issues. They will be meeting again next week. Alexander is on the data and research sub-committee.

Derrell shared that they are taking the members and put them on various sub-committees. They are working to identify existing data sources. Their listening sub-committee are looking for a consultant to get both qualitative and quantitative data. (Recording) The listening sessions will begin at the end of March and beginning of April. They will then generate a report and use that data to develop recommendations.

6. Day Time/Night Time/ Anytime Places project update- Barbara Worgess

Barbara thanked everyone who shared the link for donations. In the last 8 days they received over \$20,000.00 and the State will now match an additional \$50,000.00. Barbara asked that ICHD bring in Health Department staff and the administrative assistant for East Lansing so discuss the relationship between East Lansing and the Health department. They are still working on safety issues and looking to bring back more economic development. They have held their second underground market. They can have 73 people at one time in the underground market. Barbara worked for 3 hours this past weekend and over 300 people came for the first 3 hours. There were 17 vendors and they have 30 applications for future events. The library will also be doing activities with children there. In the next 6 weekends there will be people handing out masks and hand sanitizer. Masks are required to be worn in downtown East Lansing. They have begun setting up seating areas in underutilized spaces. There will be panels that separate the areas with art on the walls. Barbara would like more information on how this got started. Joel asked who they have been working with at the Health Department. Barbara will find out who those contacts are. Ed stated that the market was highlighted on the news last night. Alexander congratulated Barbara on their ability to meet their financial goals.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 6, 2021