

Ingham County Board of Health (BOH)
Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) – Conference Room D/E
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER: Send link for CHA to BOH- Jenn

In attendance for meeting: Denise Chrysler, Barbara Worgess, Jenn Granning, Brittany Moore, Garry Rowe, Abby Schwartz, Alexander Woods, A'Lynne Dukes, Heather Dover, Dr. Adenike Shoyinka, Nino Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 12:012pm by Board Chair- Alexander Woods

Additions to Agenda: None

Limited Public Comment:

None

Approval of July Minutes- July Minutes approved

Announcements: Garry announced they have completed the ground water survey and the final report has been generated. Garry stated that he will bring his students and present to the BOH in October. Garry stated that they are moving the project into Clinton County where they have already collected samples in DeWitt and Bath Townships.

Nino announced that Lansing School district has started school with over 1,800 students. 125 students are from East Lansing and Okemos and are taking virtual classes in the Lansing School district. Nino stated that teachers in the Lansing School district either have to be vaccinated or they must be tested before entering the building if they are not vaccinated. Nino announced that 98-99% of the teachers have been vaccinated. Alexander asked if the testing is free for teachers who choose not to get vaccinated. Nino stated that it is free for them to be tested.

1. Introductions/Opening Comments – Alexander Woods

Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. ICHD Update-Brittany Moore- Deputy Health Officer and Dr. Adenike Shoyinka, Medical Director

Brittany Moore introduced herself to the BOH. Brittany shared that vaccination efforts are underway and ICHD is using the mobile vaccination unit in the community and have been conducting 8-10 events a week including events on the weekend. Brittany further noted that the mobile vaccination unit carries all 3 types of vaccine. Brittany stated that there is a presence in the Lansing School District and they have the support of Ingham Community Health Centers to support vaccination efforts there. Brittany announced that ICHD has started offering 3rd doses for those who are immunocompromised. A'Lynne asked what was required for people to receive their 3rd dose. Brittany shared that ICHD lets Ingham County residents know that 3rd doses are available and then provides information on who the vaccine is available to. Brittany noted that ICHD does not require the client to prove their qualification for a 3rd dose. Brittany explained that the biggest thing ICHD needs to ensure is that the 3rd dose is 28 days after

the client receives their 2nd dose. Immunizations is reporting that 417 doses were given between July and September with most of those being Pfizer. ICHD's job is to continue to gather community input on how to reach more people. ICHD has to ensure that they have the staff capacity to staff all of these events. Brittany explained that the State of Michigan is working with Honu to provide staff if ICHD needs greater capacity to help support these events.

Brittany stated that ICHD is planning for when 3rd doses become available for the general public and for supporting vaccines when the age requirement changes to allow younger children to receive the vaccine.

Nino asked if it is mandatory for all students to wear masks. Brittany shared that as of today (September 7, 2021) it is required for students in all school districts in Ingham County must wear a mask. A'Lynne shared that Lansing Catholic's Superintendent shared a letter stating that Lansing Catholic did not agree with the mandate and they are looking for ways around it. Brittany explained that all of the Ingham County Superintendents were informed about the mask mandate and isolation and quarantine requirements on Thursday, September 2. Nino congratulated the department on this decision because it has become a political issue. Nino asked what type of campaign ICHD will have to promote vaccines to students aged 12-19. Brittany shared that there isn't really a plan for an additional campaign but ICHD will be focusing on reinforcing the vaccine message. ICHD also tries to be transparent about where these cases are coming from and ensure that we have vaccines on hand. A'lynnne asked if the vaccination percentages are being used for Ingham County and for the State of Michigan in our messaging. A'lynnne further inquired if the vaccination numbers show that Michigan and Ingham County are improving. Dr. Shoyinka shared that she does not know the exact number but the number of people receiving the vaccine has slowed, noting that it has also slowed everywhere else. ICHD is now administering 3rd dose booster vaccines to people who are immunocompromised. ICHD have not seen significant progress like before but ICHD does not expect to see large jumps in the number of folks getting vaccinated because most people who were interested in receiving the vaccine already have.

Dr. Shoyinka shared that Ingham County is at a risk level G based on the Michigan Safe Start Categories. The CDC indicator map currently lists ICHD at a moderate level. Dr. Shoyinka stated that Ingham County has about 119 new cases as of September 2, 2021. The expectation is that ICHD will continue to see a rise in cases from over the holiday weekend. To date there have been 26,468 cases in Ingham County with an average 15 new cases/day and Ingham County has had a total of 400 deaths. Dr. Shoyinka noted that Ingham County has not had a recorded death in the last 2 weeks. Ingham County continues to have small outbreaks in long-term care homes and other congregate livings such as correctional facilities and shelters. Ingham County hospital COVID-19 admissions are beginning to increase gradually. In the hospital there is currently 75 patients including 17 in the Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Shoyinka noted that Ingham County currently does not have any pediatric cases but on August 31 there were 2 pediatric cases.

Dr. Shoyinka stated that there were 2 executive orders that were released last week Thursday. The first one was for all persons in educational settings are required to wear a facial covering and the second order spoke to isolation and quarantine measures within educational settings. ICHD is asking that all schools adhere to ICHD's recommendations for isolation and quarantine measures. Outside of educational settings a person who is exposed is expected to quarantine for 10 days. In the school system they can quarantine for 7 days and then have a covid-19 test, there is also a serial testing option if they wear a mask and are tested everyday starting on day 2 through day 7. If the tests are negative they can continue to attend schools, there is also an option allowing students to attend school virtually. A'Lynne stated that there was a reporting requirement for LTC homes, and asked if a similar requirement was in

place for schools, sharing that Lansing Catholic had an outbreak with a sports team. Dr. Shoyinka stated that these outbreaks happened prior to the order but all schools are required to report to ICHD when they have positive cases. When there are positive cases, whether in the school or community, ICHD receives a report through the disease surveillance system. ICHD investigates every single case. ICHD also has a graphic that provides up to date guidance based on Ingham County's COVID-19 status. Dr. Shoyinka shared that 61.3% have received their first dose. 62% 16+ have received the vaccine.

Alexander asked how soon schools have to report positive case. Dr. Shoyinka explained that they are required to report positive cases within 24 hours. They are also required to have their report in a public place for when there is an exposure in a classroom. Nino stated that Lansing Public Schools has a designated room with an adult or nurse who are there to help anyone who has symptoms.

3. SB-218 Legislation Update-

Alexander shared that there had not been movement on SB-218. Nino stated that Lansing Public Schools have a committee working on this issue and they report at the schoolboard meetings. There is a 78 page report from Michigan State University about equity and diversity in sports. Lansing School District is still working on a plan to address these issues.

Nino asked how restaurants get approval to operate. Garry explained that before restaurants can open they have to go through a pre-opening inspection and then they have to have 2 inspections per year. Nino stated that some cultures are not comfortable filing complaints with the Health Department about things they see being done incorrectly in restaurants. Garry explained that if complaints are received in Environmental Health there will be a follow up inspection.

Nino asked what services are offered with Sparrow and McLaren, noting that it would be helpful to know how many doctors are in Ingham County. Nino stated that we need to look at our services for Ingham County residents and how we serve our community. Garry asked if there is something lacking or missing. Nino stated that he did not know, but that they need to determine if there is a problem or not. Barbara shared that the Community Health Assessment is required to report on that.

Alexander stated that in the future the BOH could work on making that information more accessible to folks. Abby stated that interpreting what they find is also challenging. It was determined that the BOH would like a presentation on what Ingham County services are available and where there are gaps.

4. BOC Update- Derrell

Not in attendance

5. Racial Equity Taskforce Update- Alexander

Alexander reported that the Racial Equity Taskforce was split into different sub-committees including: Data and Research which has published an article regarding higher arrest rates in the BiPOC population in Lansing than other groups. Alexander stated that the police have begun to implement changes to address these issues. There is also data regarding the housing market and how that can negatively impact housing opportunities for the BiPOC community. Recently, the Community Engagement sub-committee has released the schedule for their listening sessions. Alexander will share the article from LPD and Listening Sessions with Jenn to share with the BOH.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09pm

Next Board of Health Meeting: 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2021