

Iron County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 15, 2020
Iron County Memorial Building

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm pm by Brandon Snyder, Board Chair. Roll call taken.
 - A. Present: Kathy Byrns, Brandon Snyder, James Rocco, MD, Joe Pinardi, Zona Wick, Tanner Hiller, Tom Thompson
 - B. Also, Present: Katie Hampston, Denise Lotzer, Liana Saari, Melissa Geach
 - C. Absent: none
2. Katie Hampston acknowledged that the meeting was properly posted.
3. Motion by Tanner Hiller to approve agenda as presented, Second by Zona Wick.
4. Motion by Paul Hagemann to approve meeting minutes from September 8,2020 meeting. Second by Tanner Hiller. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. COVID update provided
 - A. **Testing:** Moving Forward with more testing sites through March. The last 3 clinics have we have tested 124, 125, 140 people. This is a fixed site that has to meet National Guard approval. This is being held at the Hurley Fire Hall due to these criteria. Aspirus/Marshfield Clinic/MMC all continue to test. Regular testing is done in Nursing Homes following state protocols.
 - B. **Vaccinations:** Local planning to vaccinate our EMS, Law enforcement, public health, healthcare providers, according to state criteria. Currently underway. A lot of logistics to consider. Pfizer is ultra-cold storage requirements and dosages are 21 days apart. They will need to be used with in 5 days of leaving the ultra-cold storage- (5 doses per vial). These are being distributed in a hub and spoke model. Moderna is in the final approval stage. Much easier to handle. Can be stored longer time periods. (10 doses per vial). Of note many large trusted health entities are publicly supporting these vaccines.
 - C. **Contact Tracing:** We continue to locally handle and work through these cases. All staff is trained to do contact tracing and disease investigation as well as a few contracted staff.
 - D. **Funding:** As we move forward into next year, we are unsure of how much funding our local health department will receive to fund our budget to help with response. They will continue to notify in the coming weeks.
 - E. Discussion around the challenges the year has brought. Recognition of the incredible work that our team has done. We have picked up a great group of help along the way to help our core team including retired Health Officers, Nurse Practitioners, and Registered Nurses. Our department as well as our community should be very grateful.
6. New Business:
 - A. Maria Swartz RN-BSN will join our team on January 4th, 2021. We are excited and pleased to welcome her to begin her public health career with Iron County. Liana Saari will be greatly missed as she will phase in to retirement in the next

few months. Liana will stay on to help with the transition and our COVID response for the next few months.

- B. 140 Review- Completed on October 7th, we were notified that we have been certified as a level 2 health department. Brandon was also provided this letter. The overview is that we are meeting state requirements and gives an opportunity for the state to assess quality improvements opportunities in addition to state statues and rule compliance. This certification confirms we are meeting these requirements.
 - C. New Building is under construction with a move in date in May.
7. Next Meeting 2021.
 8. Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 pm by Brandon Snyder. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hampston, BSN, RN
Health Officer