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**Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2022**

President, Dr. Brandon Grimm, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., at the Sarpy County Administration office, 2nd floor board room, located at 1210 Golden Gate Dr., Papillion, NE 68046.

Roll Call:

Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder

Roll call States as follows: Autumn Sky Burns – present; Connie Daniel – present; Dr. Sara DeSpain – present; Dr. Brandon Grimm – present; Dan Henry – Excused; Don Kelly – Excused; Dr. Sharon Medcalf - present; Dr. Matt Neumann – present.

Staff Present: Sarah Schram, Director; Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder;

Guest(s) Present: Natalie Miller, CPA, Seim Johnson

Agenda:

Per the Open Meetings Act the agenda may not be altered after 24 hours prior to the meeting unless an emergency arises.

Dr. Medcalf moved, seconded by Dr. Neumann, to approve the March 28, 2022, agenda as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Burns – aye; Daniel – aye; Dr. DeSpain – aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Henry – excused; Kelly – excused; Dr. Medcalf - aye; Dr. Neumann – aye.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Medcalf moved, seconded by Daniel to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2022, meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Burns – aye; Daniel – aye; Dr. DeSpain – aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Henry – excused; Kelly – excused; Dr. Medcalf - aye; Dr. Neumann – aye.

Public Comment:

None

Presentation:

Kailey Kocourek, Community Health Planner, Sarpy/Cass Health Department presented on the Partnership for Success (PFS) grant

President's Report:

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

Burns moved, seconded by Dr. Medcalf to approve the Treasurer's report presented by Natalie Miller, CPA, Seim

Johnson. Roll call states as follows: Burns – aye; Daniel – aye; Dr. DeSpain – aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Henry – excused; Kelly – excused; Dr. Medcalf - aye; Dr. Neumann – aye.

Director’s Report:

Attached

Other Business:

None

Standing Committee Reports:

Nomination Committee: A notice will be placed in the Suburban Newspapers and the SCHED website seeking for a Sarpy County resident to serve on the BOH.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report

Policy Committee: Invoice Approval Threshold

Dr. Medcalf moved, seconded by Daniel to change the Invoice Approval Threshold policy to read: The Finance Committee is authorized to approve, on behalf of the Board, expenses over \$5,000.”

Roll call states as follows: Burns – aye; Daniel – aye; Dr. DeSpain – aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Henry – excused; Kelly – excused; Dr. Medcalf - aye; Dr. Neumann – aye.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report

Program Committee: Nothing to report

Medical Director’s Report: Nothing to report

Executive Session: NONE

Next Meeting: April 25, 2022

Adjournment:

Dr. Medcalf moved, seconded by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Roll call states as follows: Burns – aye; Daniel – aye; Dr. DeSpain – aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Henry – excused; Kelly – excused; Dr. Medcalf - aye; Dr. Neumann – aye.

ATTEST:

Dr. Brandon Grimm, President
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

Dr. Sharon Medcalf, Secretary
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

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Health Directors Report
Board of Health
March 28, 2022

Administrative Updates:

- Legislative Update:
 - Today is day 49 of this short (60 day) session.
 - LB 1014 – Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
 - LB 906 – Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provided duties for the Department of Health and Human Services. **Governor Ricketts passed 2/25/2022**

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update:
 - Sarpy County Board of Commissioners approved a commitment of \$115,000 to the Department for Office/Clinic & Technology Upgrades.

- Staffing/Personnel Update:
 - Filled Positions –
 - Community Health Educator – Emelyn Escalante
 - Open Positions –
 - Interviewing for Public Health RN – both Epi and SDI
 - Public Health Communication Specialist

- BOH Strategic Retreat:
 - Six strategic goals identified were:
 - Build, formalize, and maintain relationships and partnerships to ensure a robust public health system
 - Build and promote a visible and viable brand
 - Develop and pursue blended and braided funding strategies for growth and sustainability
 - Implement NALBOH’s six functions of public health governance
 - Recruit and retain qualified and capable workforce to meet the core functions of public health
 - Maintain standards of a high performing health department
 - Next Steps:
 - Over the next few months, Sarpy/Cass Health Department staff will draft implementation plans.

- Presentation of strategic plan to Board in July 2022
- Provide regular updates on strategic plan implementation progress to the Board of Health
- (Board) Consider implementation of a strategic planning committee
- (Board) Seek additional input from other Board members

Program Highlights:

- Disease Surveillance
 - Epi investigations since January 1, 2022:

Campylobacteriosis	7
Chlamydia trachomatis infection	166
Cryptosporidiosis	3
Enterogaagregative Escherichia coli (EAEC)	5
Enteropathogenic Escherichia coli (EPEC)	9
Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli (ETEC)	1
Escherichia coli (STEC) gastroenteritis	2
Giardiasis	3
Gonorrhea	32
Group A Streptococcus, invasive	2
Group B Streptococcus, invasive	3
Hepatitis A, acute	1
Hepatitis B virus infection, chronic	7
Hepatitis C Virus Infection, chronic or resolved	17
Histoplasmosis	4
Lead poisoning	1
Lead poisoning (Child)	6
Legionellosis	3
Lyme disease	1

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C)	3
Novel Coronavirus (nCoV)	16541
Pertussis	1
Q fever, Acute	1
Salmonellosis (excluding S. typhi/paratyphi)	8
Shigellosis	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive disease (IPD)	3
Syphilis, congenital	1
Syphilis, primary	2
Syphilis, secondary	2
Syphilis, Unknown Duration or Late	7
Toxoplasmosis	3
Tuberculosis	1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1
Yersiniosis (non-pestis)	2
Total	16850

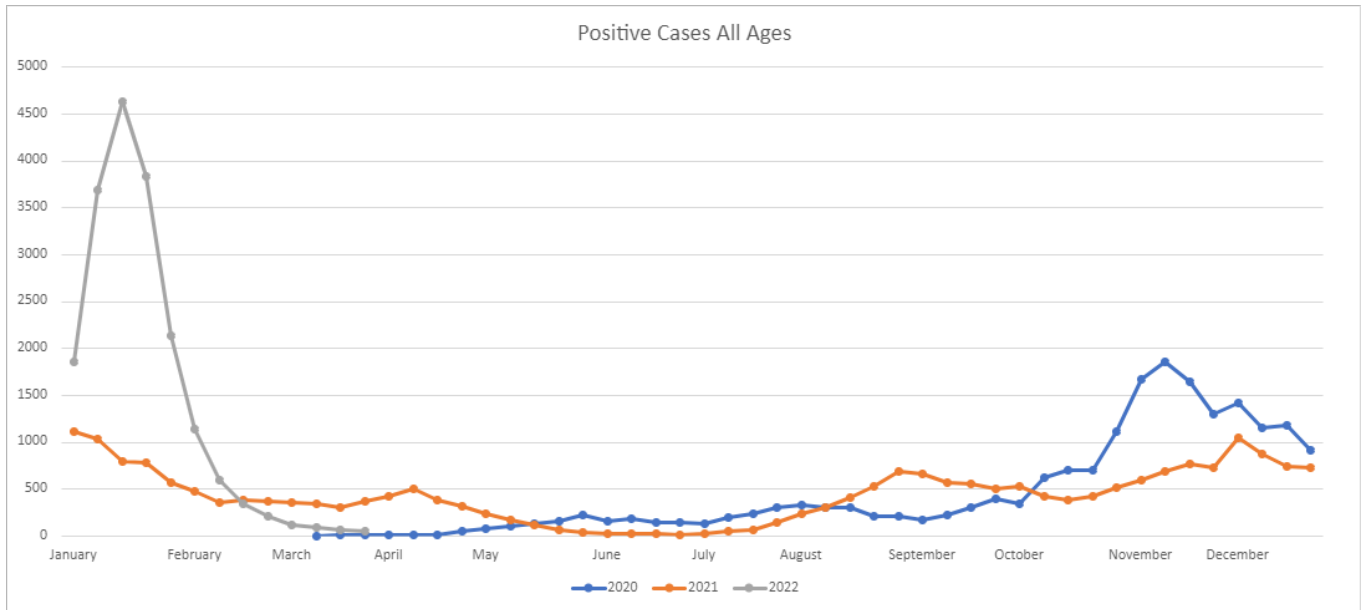
- Active Aging Program
 - Starting to again hold wellness clinics in community and senior centers

COVID-19 Update

- Cases Update *as 3/28/22
- CDC Community Level – Both Sarpy & Cass County are in green based on new cases and hospitalizations

	Cass	Sarpy	Jurisdiction
Confirmed Positives	6,009	49,363	55,373
Active Cases	11	108	119
Deaths			286

Case Rate/100k for last 7 days			29.05
Case Rate/100K/day for last 7 days			4.15



COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance

- DHHS is collaborating with UNL, UNMC-COPH and wastewater utilities across Nebraska to monitor SARS-CoV-2 virus in wastewater.

COVID-19 Testing Program

- SCHED received 22,000 EMed home test kits to 6 public sites in Cass County and 5 public sites in Sarpy County. All school districts received kits for their students and staff.

Vaccinations

	Sarpy	Cass
Residents Receiving 1 Dose	133,510	17,485
Residents Fully Vaccinated	122,173	16,058
Percent Fully Vaccinated (% total population)	65.3%	61.2%

Covid vaccination by LHD and age group as of 3/3/2022

Local Health Department	65+ Fully vaccinated	50-64 Fully vaccinated	30-49 Fully vaccinated	16-29 Fully vaccinated	0-15 Fully vaccinated
Central District Health Department	86%	69%	58%	44%	16.4%
Dakota County Health Department	88%	67%	58%	43%	10.2%
Douglas County Health Department	94%	79%	73%	61%	29.9%
East Central District HD	88%	69%	58%	40%	9.7%
Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health	91%	66%	56%	39%	11.4%
Four Corners Health Department	90%	68%	57%	36%	15.3%
Lincoln-Lancaster County HD	97%	82%	77%	52%	31.9%
Loup Basin Public Health Department	72%	50%	40%	25%	6.9%
N Central District HD	75%	47%	39%	25%	7.6%
Northeast Nebraska District Health Department	80%	53%	47%	29%	11.2%
Panhandle Public Health District	76%	53%	43%	28%	9.9%
Public Health Solutions	93%	65%	54%	40%	16.7%
Sarpy Cass Department of Health and Wellness					
South Heartland District HD	93%	75%	65%	57%	29.2%
Southeast District Health Dept	86%	63%	52%	34%	8.4%
Southwest Nebraska Public HD	86%	65%	55%	40%	17.1%
Three Rivers HD Fremont	74%	53%	41%	25%	7.7%
Two Rivers Public Health Department	90%	71%	62%	46%	20.2%
West Central District Health Dept	87%	68%	57%	38%	14.3%
West Central District Health Dept	73%	55%	43%	28%	8.6%
Statewide % fully vaccinated	90%	72%	66%	51%	23%

Note: This calculates age of those vaccinated as of today not date of vaccination.

Population 0-15: 397,176
 • At least one shot = 26% (104,264)



- SCHD Clinic – Wednesday afternoons – vaccinate.ne.gov to schedule and appointment
- Continuing to work with area PCPs to facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccines in their clinics and what can be done internally to maximize access to vaccine for 6 month – 5 years of age due to the fact that a number of providers will not vaccinate the very young.

Hospitalization: 3/16/2022

