

Emergency Menard County Board of Health Meeting – 4/08/20

Attendance:

Dara Worthington
Ryan Heavner
Allen Anderson
Dawn Kelton
JD Stewart
Bob Lott

Board of Health:

Dave Baggot
Diane Markley
Brienne Satorious
Dr. Hartman

Health Department

Director Gail O'Neill
Assistant Director Bill Dart

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. with a quorum of members BOH members present.
- II. Motion to approve and second minutes; minutes were approved.
- III. Latest developments.
The daily emails reporting the statistics of cases was discussed. Attendees indicated they were getting these daily updates. The latest are posted on the county site and the sheriff's web page

Testing was discussed and Director O'Neill indicated that test results are coming back quicker. She noted that new testing procedures are becoming available which can deliver results in as little as 45 minutes, however, the local hospital reported having a limited supply of only 1200. Among other discussion regarding testing was the point that IDPH was no longer gatekeeping test authorizations.

Discussion then proceeded to various contingency plans:

- feeding county residents – if needed use the 211 United Way or volunteers through Menard County connections.
- housing - the Menard EMA had a plan prepared for IEMA but it didn't meet specifications for self-contained with temperature controls. Perhaps the

state's plan could be used with appropriate qualifications. Discussion of this will continue.

- hospital surge – according to local hospitals, they are prepared.
- funding – the Health Department will seek funding available to health departments and make applications wherever possible.

The group reviewed on-going compliance needs (per Governor' stay-at-home order) at local parks and churches heading into the weekend and Easter. For the most part, there seems to be pretty good compliance in the county.

In an open question and answer period, these topics were discussed briefly: testing, the local clinic, telehealth and the state purchase of Vibra.

There was an interest in a public service announcement regarding telehealth so that people didn't become acutely sick as primary care visits are minimal; this PSA would urge people to maintain their health and not end up going to the ER.

- IV. Messaging to farmers was revisited. Assistant Director Dart will re-send draft item for review. The local Farm Bureau was on board to distribute the message.
- V. No new business was brought up.
- VI. The group decided to meet again on Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. Director O'Neill encouraged the group to invite others as needed so that concerns get heard.
- VII. There was no public comment.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at about 6:23 p.m.