

Minutes
Menard County Board of Health
06/23/2021, 6:00 p.m.

Present: **All attended via phone conference**
David Bagot, RPh - President
Dianne Markley
Brian Miller, M.D.
JD Stewart
Gail O’Neill – Director of Public Health
Carol Graham – Executive Assistant to the Director

Excused: Donald Hartman, D.D.S.
Jeff Fore
Brienne Satorius

Guest: None

I. Call to Order:

President David Bagot called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll call:

David Bagot – here	Dr. Donald Hartman – absent
Dianne Markley – here	Dr. Brian Miller- here
JD Stewart – here	Jeff Fore – absent
Brienne Satorius – absent	

II. Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting was made by JD Stewart, seconded by David Bagot, with a roll call of:

David Bagot – yes	Dr. Donald Hartman – absent
Dianne Markley – yes	Dr. Brian Miller- yes
JD Stewart – yes	Jeff Fore – absent
Brienne Satorius – absent	

III. Latest developments of COVID-19:

Gail reported the number of new COVID-19 cases being reported daily has been at zero many times and the hospitalizations has also been at zero, which is a great sign that things are getting better. Gail advised the vaccination rate in Menard County is in the 40% range overall. There continues to be a steady increase of people getting vaccinated. She mentioned the daily reporting that is done now, will be down to weekly reporting, which is what the state is also doing at this time. There was discussion on the reasoning why some people choose not to get vaccinated. Some people may still have issues since there were some problems with the J&J vaccine. Gail is hoping all doctor offices will soon be able to give vaccine in their office, rather than having to send their patients other places to get

it. Dave asked Dr. Miller how are the positive numbers able to stay down when the community is not 100% vaccinated. Dr. Miller replied that many people are deciding not to get tested anymore and there is some degree of immunity with having some people vaccinated. He emphasized the importance of everyone needing to get vaccinated as the Delta variant is more contagious, and those not vaccinated are getting more sick than they were with the original COVID-19. Most hospitalizations of COVID-19 are people that have the variant.

IV. Unfinished business:

Gail reported that the Health Educator, Joan, had reached out to the names provided to her to interview for a story regarding having COVID-19, but has not heard back from those people. Dave stated he will reach out to them and ask them to call Joan. Dave will get addresses for those that were on the billboards for Gail to send Thank You cards.

V. New business:

No new business to report.

VI. Next meeting:

Dr. Miller made a motion to approve the change of dates for the remaining Board of Health meetings from September 14th and December 14th to September 15th and December 15th with a roll call of:

David Bagot – yes

Dianne Markley – yes

JD Stewart – yes

Brianne Satorius – absent

Dr. Donald Hartman – absent

Dr. Brian Miller- yes

Jeff Fore – absent

VII. Public comment:

No public comments.

VIII. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. was made by Dr. Miller, with a second by Dianne Markley, with a roll call of:

David Bagot – yes

Dianne Markley – yes

JD Stewart – yes

Brianne Satorius – absent

Dr. Donald Hartman – absent

Dr. Brian Miller- yes

Jeff Fore – absent

Respectfully submitted by:

Carol Graham

Executive Assistant to the Director