



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Virtual Meeting

November 16, 2020
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Health meeting is closed to in-person, public attendance. The meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.**

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from August 24, 2020

IV. REPORTS

- A. Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager - Senior Center Report
B. COVID-19 Health & Human Services Update

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Adult-Use Cannabis

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Future Topics for Consideration

VIIIADJOURNMENT

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**Board of Health
11/16/2020**

Item: Minutes from August 24, 2020

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes from August 24, 2020	Minutes



**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Health & Human Services Conference Room & Virtual
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
August 24, 2020
6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson VanLandeghem called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Karen VanLandeghem, Chairperson
Jerome Meservey, M.D.
Sean Barnett, M.D.
Thomas Harris, DDS
Kristen Brown, M.D.

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison
Mary Sterrenberg, Supervising Nurse
Lindsay Dohse, Community Health Nurse
Nicole Espinoza, Social Services Coordinator
Keith Moens, Resident

Chairperson VanLandeghem introduced new board member Kristen Brown, M.D. and the Commission took turns introducing themselves. Chairperson VanLandeghem acknowledged James McCalister, Director of Health and Human Services, his team and the Village of Arlington Heights for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from December 9, 2019

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MESERVEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BARNETT AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. REPORTS

A. COVID-19 Health & Human Services Update

Mr. McCalister provided a general overview of COVID-19. He stated that there are 11 regions in Illinois that follow the COVID-19 Resurgence criteria and Arlington Heights is in region 10. All regions are in phase 4 except for region 7, Will and Kankakee Counties, as they hit the threshold of 8% positivity rate. Region 10 this past week was between 6-6.9%.

Mr. McCalister stated that in contrast, suburban Cook County was at their lowest in June at 4.5% and highest in March at 31%. Hospital admissions for region 10 has held steady, this past week at 21. He said the statewide positivity rate for August 16 - 22 was 4.2% with 1,529 people in the hospital, 334 in intensive care and 141 on ventilators as of last night. The statewide low was 2% in mid-June. Mr. McCalister stated that in regards to testing, Illinois set a single day record on Saturday, August 22 with 56,766 tests, bringing the total to more than 3.7 million since the onset of the pandemic. We are pleased that the local testing site was able to move from Rolling Meadows High School to the Arlington Park Racetrack.

Mr. McCalister stated that the Environmental Health Officers have been working with businesses and responding to complaints about people not wearing a face covering or following social distancing guidelines. The downtown Alfresco Zone has been considered a success and has been extended to November 2. He said that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) ruled that any individual over the age of 2 and able to medically tolerate a face covering to wear one over their nose and mouth when in a public place and unable to maintain 6 foot distance both indoors and outdoors. The Environmental Health Officer's continue to work with our businesses on this rule and all COVID-19 Restore Illinois guidelines.

Mr. McCalister said that the Senior Center opened in Stage 4 and is providing limited services and programs on an appointment basis. Several virtual classes are also being offered.

Mr. McCalister reported that in regards to potential vaccines for the virus, there apparently are some in stage 3 of the development process. He said it can typically take 10-15 years to bring a vaccine to market. The one considered the fastest ever, the vaccine for mumps, required four years in the 1960's. The U.S. government has pledged billions of dollars on what is being called "Operation Warp Speed" in hopes to develop and deliver a vaccine in 2021. He said they will continue to monitor COVID-19 information as schools open and the weather changes.

Dr. Barnett asked if anyone is tracking the outcome of student and teacher infection rates since the re-opening of schools? Mr. McCalister said IDPH tracks that information and some schools have already gone virtual due to the increase in cases. Mr. McCalister said IDPH has a biweekly meeting and he will email any important updates to the Board of Health.

Ms. Espinoza provided an update about the Social Services Division. She said the applications received for the Financial Assistance program have increased by 90%. Ms. Espinoza shared that in three months we have seen the number of applicants we would typically see in one year. Most applications are first time applicants and have partnered with the Salvation Army and the Townships to meet applicant's needs. She said to date they have provided \$70,655 in financial assistance for housing related issues due to COVID-19.

Ms. Espinoza shared that they partner with a not-for-profit organization called Arlington Cares, and they do fund raising for the financial assistance program. Arlington Cares pledges \$20,000 annually to the program and this year they provided another \$25,000. She said they have processed 167 applications, 271 inquiries about financial assistance and have helped 173 residents. Arlington

Cares is partnering with local restaurants and @Properties to hold an event called GetBurbed Bites whereby every week a different restaurant offers a signature item and 15% of the proceeds will go to financial assistance. @Properties will match the proceeds.

Ms. Espinoza said that the counseling subsidy program is for people whom are uninsured, underinsured or cost is a barrier to care and the program has increased due to COVID-19. She said telehealth has increased and the number of providers has increased. She has seen more homebound seniors experiencing depression and anxiety, and people impacted by unemployment.

Ms. Espinoza said that the CARE program is a partnership with Fire, Police, and not-for-profit organizations in the community for substance abuse and specifically aimed at opioid abuse. Last year the program was awarded a grant for \$114,000 and this year the program was awarded \$130,000. Since the program began they have helped 129 people, and the program has created Care Coordinators who assist the person through the process.

Dr. Meservey asked about the Mental Health First Aid training and Ms. Espinoza said they trained all Police Officers over a 10-week series. She said that new recruits graduating from the academy have mental health first aid training.

Ms. Sterrenberg shared that when COVID-19 began, home visits were placed on hold and handled via telephone, except for vital services. She said screening for COVID-19 was initiated and clients are required to wear face coverings. She said wellness clinic appointments were created and they just opened the Senior Center. Ms. Sterrenberg explained that the Cholesterol Clinic is open and by appointment only. She explained that TB skin testing forms are available online for clients to complete prior to arriving for their appointment. Ms. Sterrenberg assists with CPR instruction and the classes have shifted to online. She will also be planning Vision and Hearing Screenings for the Parochial Schools.

Ms. Sterrenberg explained that Nursing Services will assist the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) with contact tracing. She said the information she has received about contact tracing is that it takes too long to get test results back and the rates are still too high. Once the rates are lower, Nursing Services will begin assisting with contact tracing.

Dr. Barnett asked for more information regarding the inability to fill a pillbox at home. Ms. Sterrenberg stated that she has a home visit client and instead of seeing someone in-person to have her pillbox filled for her, she is having telemedicine visits. Dr. Barnett stated there should be a way to remedy the situation. Ms. Sterrenberg said if there are any suggestions she would look into them.

Mr. McCalister asked Ms. Sterrenberg if she would discuss how the Board of Health was used during H1N1. Ms. Sterrenberg said the Village of Arlington Heights had an immunization clinic which was discontinued. She said H1N1 appointments were made in the evening after business hours. People were checked in and appointments were set up in two separate rooms based on age. Ms. Sterrenberg said they also worked with the CCDPH to provide immunizations to children in schools.

Chairperson VanLandeghem asked if there is any discussion regarding vaccine release for COVID-19? Mr. McCalister stated the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has not discussed it. He said he has read articles that have mentioned that they are hopeful in 2021 there may be a vaccine available. Dr. Meservey asked if the Senior Center upgrades have been put on hold because of COVID-19? Mr. McCalister stated the Senior Center upgrades are still in the works but the timeline has been pushed back.

Ms. Dohse stated that the mental health impact on the senior community has been difficult due to isolation and restricted visitations while in a nursing facility. Ms. Sterrenberg stated as the Village Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO), things continuously change such as the quarantine time, supporting Village employees to offer reassurance when they encounter different scenarios. She stated that some employees came back from traveling and were told by airport staff that they have to quarantine, and she is able to help employees navigate what is the best way to handle these different scenarios. She has helped with defining essential workers to now the critical infrastructure worker, the status of an employee and the safest way to return to work.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adult-Use Cannabis

Mr. McCalister stated that the Village Board approved an 18 month pilot program starting September 1, 2020 – February 28, 2022, giving permission to a local dispensary to sell recreational cannabis. A 3% tax will be added to cannabis sales. Dr. Barnett asked if the estimated income to the Village is known? Mr. McCalister stated he is not aware of the estimated income. Chairperson VanLandeghem asked what will happen after the pilot is over. Mr. McCalister stated the Village Board would decide if they will continue to allow them to provide this service.

Dr. Meservey asked if the Police have noticed a change since recreational cannabis sales have been legalized? Mr. McCalister stated it was discussed at the Village Board meeting and they have not observed any significant changes. Dr. Harris asked if the method of testing under the influence at a traffic stop has been established? Mr. McCalister stated he has not heard of any changes. Chair VanLandeghem asked if we could receive an update on this at the next meeting. Mr. McCalister stated they will keep this topic on the agenda for an update at the next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCalister said the Village is in the fifth year of the Single-Family Solid waste contract and the Village has decided to engage in a Request for Proposal (RFP) from other service providers. The current contract goes through March 2021. Dr. Meservey asked if twice a week pick up will be offered? Mr. McCalister stated that will be discussed and they asked for quotes for both once a week and once a week with an option for twice a week collection.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Future Topics for Consideration

Chairperson VanLandeghem stated the Board of Health has been meeting quarterly and would like to keep the meetings quarterly. The Commission agreed that meeting quarterly will continue.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER MESERVEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 PM. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.