



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Buechner Room-33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd., AH

September 20, 2021
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from May 17, 2021

IV. REPORTS

- A. COVID-19 Health & Human Services Update
- B. Strategic Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

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- A. Future Topics for Consideration

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**Board of Health
9/20/2021**

Item: Minutes from May 17, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes
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Virtual
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson VanLandeghem called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Karen VanLandeghem, Chairperson
Sean Barnett, M.D.
Kristen Brown, M.D.

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison
Mary Sterrenberg, Supervising Nurse
Nicole Espinoza, Social Services Coordinator
Melissa Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant
Melissa Cayer, Resident
Keith Moens, Resident

Absent

Jerome Meservey, M.D.
Lindsay Dohse, Community Health Nurse

Mr. McCalister stated that Dr. Harris has retired from the Board of Health and a position on the Board is open. The Board acknowledged and recognized Dr. Harris for his 30 years of service to the Board of Health.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from March 15, 2021

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2021 MEETING, SECONDED BY DR. BARNETT AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. REPORTS

A. COVID-19 Health and Human Services Update

Mr. McCalister explained that in the state of Illinois, 37.6% of the population is fully vaccinated. He said in suburban Cook County, 37.0% of the population is fully vaccinated and 48.2% of the population has received at least one vaccine dose, and Arlington Heights is within the North district. He stated that the North district within Cook County has 56.4% of the population with at least one vaccine dose. He said the West is at 47.3%, Southwest 43.7% and the South 36.9% of the population with at least one vaccine dose. Mr. McCalister said that last week 61, COVID-19 cases were reported and there was a -20.9% change in confirmed cases in the past 14 days. He said that 63.6% of the population in Arlington Heights has received at least one vaccine dose and 50% of the population has received the complete vaccine series.

Mr. McCalister said that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released information about mask guidance this week and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) stated on a conference call that they will be releasing information regarding mask guidance this week as well. He said the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) updated the status to Bridge Phase and guidance will be released this week. He said that if all goes well, after 28 days the population could move to Phase 5.

Mr. McCalister said that 12 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers have assisted with COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Senior Center, Schaumburg Convention Center, and the Arlington Recreation Center.

Ms. Sterrenberg stated that front line Village employees and homebound residents have been vaccinated by Nursing Services. She said that in March, Nursing Services held a Pfizer vaccine clinic at the Senior Center to target people age 65+ who do not have access to a computer or methods for securing an appointment online for a vaccine. She stated that the Village of Arlington Heights is the only area municipality that offers home visits and the need for homebound residents to be vaccinated continues. Ms. Sterrenberg explained that the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) released Johnson and Johnson vaccine to the Village to vaccinate the homebound population. She said Johnson and Johnson was put on pause, and the CCDPH released Moderna vaccine in the interim.

Ms. Sterrenberg explained that Health and Human Services offered its first Fair Access Community clinic with the help of Nicole Espinoza, Social Services Coordinator, who reached out to the Latinx population to advertise the clinic. She stated that a 13-year-old boy and his father walked-in to the clinic, and then the 13-year-old boy continued to come back every 30 minutes or so with more family members. She identified that the family lives at the same address and they are part of the Arlington Racecourse backstretch community. She said that on May 25, Nursing and Social Services will be holding a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Arlington Racecourse backstretch community based on the current need. She explained that weekly walk-in vaccine clinics were held at Village Hall through the month of May.

Chairperson VanLandeghem asked how does Nursing Services identify the homebound population. Ms. Sterrenberg explained that the CCDPH has a dedicated phone number and online link for homebound people to contact them and register for a vaccine with Nursing Services.

Dr. Brown shared that Dr. Mesurvey was questioning what percent of the Police Department is vaccinated. Mr. McCalister stated that all Village employees were offered the Pfizer vaccine. Dr. Brown asked if the Village tracks the percentage of employees receiving the vaccine. Mr. McCalister stated that not all employees received a vaccine through the Village and instead may have went to other facilities, which means the Village would not be able to track those vaccinated elsewhere.

Chairperson VanLandeghem asked how long does Nursing Services plan to offer the vaccine. Ms. Sterrenberg said the pharmacies and physician offices are likely to take over vaccination clinics. She said that there was a need to offer clinics to the homebound population and community, but the need is decreasing. Ms. Sterrenberg said Nursing Services may ramp back up offering COVID-19 vaccines if there is a booster dose needed down the road.

Ms. Espinoza stated that Social Services did outreach for the Fair Access Community clinics and contacted housing structures, such as affordable housing, housing for seniors and persons with disabilities, Journey's for persons experiencing homelessness, Latinx groups, school districts, the ministerial association, LGBTQ communities, Clearbrook, Hearts Place, Arlington Cares, Futabakai School, post-incarceration populations through the State's Attorney's Office, Live4Loli, Brightside Clinic, the Global Executive Council – Asian American population, Lifespan and the backstretch at Arlington International Racecourse.

Ms. Espinoza said that in 2020, rent assistance was the greatest need. She said that Social Services served 955 residents, which is almost double what the Division typically serves. She said that Utility Assistance was the second highest need among residents. She explained that they provided \$135,000 in financial assistance, that covers emergency transportation and shelter, utility and rent assistance, medical issues and food. She stated that they gave out gift cards for food. She said that they have processed 585 inquiries for rent assistance, and over 404 applications.

Ms. Espinoza said the Counseling Subsidy program was also one of the highest needs for residents. She said people have lost their jobs and health insurance, and that the Village of Arlington Heights is unique in that other municipalities do not have this type of program. She said that last year, Social Services provided \$43,000 in Counseling Subsidy, which exceeded the budget. She explained that the Village applied for and received federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds (CDBG-CV) to put towards the Counseling Subsidy program and rent assistance.

Dr. Brown asked who are the counselors that provide counseling services within the Counseling Subsidy program. Ms. Espinoza stated the counselors are community-based practitioners who sign a contract for a specific amount, and the program is available for uninsured, underinsured or where cost is a barrier to care.

Dr. Barnett asked if the money used for financial assistance is from tax-payer's dollars. Ms. Espinoza said \$55,000 is budgeted annually from the Village for the Emergency Assistance program, included rent and utility assistance. She said, in addition to that, Arlington Cares does

fund raising for the program and typically donates \$20,000 per year. She explained that last year, federal funding was received due to COVID-19, and also Arlington Cares donated an additional \$25,000.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CARE Program

Ms. Espinoza stated that the CARE program started in July, 2019 after applying for a two-year grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). She said that the program is designed to help anyone experiencing substance abuse disorder and since the start of the program, 300 people have been provided services. She explained that since the program is funded through a state-based grant they are able to serve anyone living in Illinois whom has interfaced with Arlington Heights Police or Fire. She said that the program provides assessment, treatment navigation, peer recovery support, case management, accompany to appointments, and emergency treatment. Ms. Espinoza stated that the two-year grant will end June 30, 2021 and application process will begin at the end of May.

Ms. VanLandeghem asked who are the staff supporting the CARE program. Ms. Espinoza stated Commander Joe Pinello is the Program Coordinator, Tyler Hall is the analyst who writes the grants, and she oversees the clinical component and Live4Lali answers the calls during business hours and Omni Youth Services answers calls during evening and weekend hours. She said that Brightside Clinic is the go-to for assessment. Ms. VanLandeghem asked if Ms. Espinoza is managing the care coordination or referral for all the 300 people served. Ms. Espinoza clarified that referrals can enter through any of the aforementioned points of contact, such as the Police, Brightside Clinic, Live4Lali or Social Services.

Dr. Brown asked what is the age range for the CARE program. Ms. Espinoza stated that the program is open to anyone age 18 or older. Ms. VanLandeghem asked if there has been an increase in people within the program during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Espinoza said in Counseling Subsidy they saw an increase in mental health needs, but not in overdoses within Arlington Heights.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adult-Use Cannabis

Mr. McCalister stated that Chief Pecora reported that the data continues to support the notion that the impact on police services has been minimal. This belief seems to remain buttressed by regional data suggesting the same. Simply put, the organization has experienced no spikes in crimes or calls for service related to the sale and/or legal consumption of marijuana in either the medicinal or the recreational sense.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Other Topics for Consideration

Mr. McCalister stated that there is a vacancy since the departure of Dr. Harris, and if anyone is interested to let Karen know and she will connect with Mayor Hayes.

Mr. McCalister stated that every two years a strategic report and presentation is shared with the Village Board, and he would like to share the report with the Board of Health in preparation for a discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Jacobsen stated that the next scheduled meeting is August 16, 2021 and that the Village Manager will determine if Board and Commission meetings will return to in-person or remain virtual. The Board discussed a new meeting date and selected August 23.

Resident Melissa Cayer asked that future topics to be discussed are the state of medical errors, HIPPA compliance and blood pressure in Arlington Heights. Chairperson VanLandeghem stated the Board of Health would not have any purview over medical errors, HIPPA compliance or blood pressure. Ms. Sterrenberg mentioned that the Village of Arlington Heights offers free blood pressure clinics at the Senior Center and Village Hall and shared that we do not collect data regarding blood pressure for the population in Arlington Heights, only data for people seen in the clinics. Chairperson VanLandeghem stated that if they see this data, they will bring it up at a future meeting.

Mr. McCalister thanked Dr. Brown for signing the standing orders and the Board acknowledged her for assisting the community.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

DR. BARNETT, SECONDED BY DR. BROWN, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:23 P.M. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.