



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Virtual Meeting

May 17, 2021
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Health 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 March 15, 2021

IV. REPORTS

- A. COVID-19 Health & Human Services Update

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CARE Program
B. Adult-Use Cannabis

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Future Topics for Consideration

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Board of Health
5/17/2021**

Item: Minutes from March 15, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson VanLandeghem called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

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

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison
Mary Sterrenberg, Supervising Nurse
Rosangela Maldonado, Social Services Case Worker
David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Melissa Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant
Melissa Cayer, Resident
Keith Moens, Resident

Absent

Sean Barnett, M.D.
Lindsay Dohse, Community Health
Nurse

The Board 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 November 16, 2020

DR. MESERVEY STATED THAT THE NOVEMBER 16, 2020 MINUTES SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO REFLECT THAT DR. BARNETT MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN, NOT DR. HARRIS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. MESERVEY TO APPROVE THE REVISED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING, SECONDED BY DR. BROWN AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. REPORTS

A. Introduction Rosangela Maldonado, Social Services Case Worker

Mr. McCalister introduced Rosangela Maldonado, the Social Services Case Worker. Nancy Cardella retired and the position was modified to include Case Worker duties. He said Ms. Maldonado has an extensive background working for the State's Attorney's office as a Victim Advocate. Mr. McCalister said she is bilingual in English and Spanish. He stated her role as a Case Worker involves intake and assessment on new cases, evaluating financial assistance, community-based outreach, and crisis intervention. Ms. Maldonado shared her job history with the Board.

B. COVID-19 Health and Human Services Update

Mr. McCalister stated in early February, Nursing Services received a small amount of Pfizer vaccine from the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH). He explained that Nursing Services was able to vaccinate frontline Village workers, senior homebound clients and their caregivers. Mr. McCalister stated that today, Ms. Sterrenberg was able to secure 200 doses of vaccine from the CCDPH to have a clinic at the Senior Center this Friday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He explained that the clinic will serve senior residents who do not have access to online services or may have issues navigating the various registration sites. Information was sent to seniors who were added to the Senior Center's constant contact email list, and any senior calling asking for help becoming vaccinated. Ms. Sterrenberg stated she requested 300 vaccine doses, but was only able to get 200 doses. She said that the Senior Center's list of residents who called and were unable to get the vaccine will be scheduled based on birthdate.

Dr. Meservey asked how many vaccine doses were distributed in February. Ms. Sterrenberg stated about 120. She said that the Police were not included in Phase 1A, so she attempted to secure vaccine to ensure they were vaccinated. She said 104 vaccines were administered to frontline Village employees and homebound seniors. Ms. Sterrenberg said they received 18 doses from Hoffman Estates Village Hall as well.

Dr. Brown asked if the second doses were received. Ms. Sterrenberg stated the second doses were received on February 26. Dr. Harris asked if seniors are not signed up for the Senior Center, how would they sign up. Ms. Sterrenberg stated seniors can call the Senior Center for help navigating finding an appointment and to be added to the list for potential future clinics.

Chairperson VanLandeghem asked how many clinics have been done. Ms. Sterrenberg said three clinics will have been completed and she has also helped at clinics in Hoffman Estates. Ms.

Sterrenberg stated employees and home visit clients were by appointments. She explained that the required forms, such as consent forms and the Emergency Use Authorizations were emailed in advance, and they did temperature checks upon arrival to the third floor at Village Hall. Ms. Sterrenberg stated that the Schaumburg Convention Center is having a clinic on Wednesday, March 17.

Mr. McCalister stated the Village is a member of the Joint Emergency Management System and is one of 11 communities working together to hold the vaccination clinic for age 65 and over residents at the Schaumburg Convention Center. He explained that registration is done online through the Jewel Osco website and it is done on a first come first serve basis. He said the clinic has 4,700 doses to be administered by Jewel Osco employees with assistance from 70 municipal volunteers. Mr. McCalister stated Pfizer vaccine is being used and the second dose is scheduled to be administered on April 7.

Dr. Meservey asked if there was advertising for the vaccine clinics. Ms. Sterrenberg stated no advertising was done for the clinic being held at the Senior Center because they have a limited supply and a list of seniors to fill all the appointments. Mr. McCalister stated that the Schaumburg Conventional Center clinic information was posted on the Village website and social media, and the Senior Center Manager shared the information.

Dr. Harris stated there is no consistency or plan to disseminate the vaccination clinics and the clinics are random. Mr. McCalister stated he agreed and until more vaccine is released, the clinics can only do the best that they can do with the supply on hand. He said the Village hopes to get more vaccine and Johnson & Johnson will help as it requires only one dose. Ms. Sterrenberg stated the vaccine is only for age 65 or older, and as soon as they can get to Phase 1C more people will be vaccinated. Mr. McCalister stated they also have COVID-19 tests. Ms. Sterrenberg stated they were able to get Bionex Now rapid tests for employees if there is an exposure and that Nursing Services is able to perform the test.

Dr. Meservey asked if the Arlington International Racecourse could be used as a vaccination site. Mr. McCalister stated that it is currently a COVID-19 testing site but the usage of the site could change at any time. He stated that he understood that they did not want to use that location as a vaccination site while COVID-19 testing was also occurring.

Mr. McCalister explained that in Illinois the State has vaccinated 50% of Illinois residents age 65 and older according to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). He said that as of this past Friday, 1,369,534 people or 10.75% of the State's population has been fully vaccinated. Mr. McCalister explained that the Illinois National Guard has deployed mass vaccine distribution sites in Cook County and the closest site to Arlington Heights is in Des Plaines where they have been using Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. He said that on Friday, March 12 Illinois launched a call center to help bridge the digital divide and assist with vaccine appointments. He said that the call center is open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to midnight with approximately 500 agents answering calls at (833) 621-1284. Mr. McCalister also said that the IDPH website is tracking variants found in Illinois. He said currently there is a total of 99 variants, 94 of which are B117 United Kingdom, 3-B1351 South Africa and 2-P1 Brazil. Mr. McCalister said that the Arlington Heights regions positivity rate is 3.4% as of March 12 and that Dr. Ezike has discussed having Phase 4 include A, B designations before going to Phase 5.

Mr. McCalister stated rent assistance has been the dominate need for residents and since the pandemic began, Social Services has provided \$127,119.17 in rent assistance, which has helped 293 residents. He said Social Services has received 511 inquiries for rent assistance and processed 346 applications. He explained that the second largest need has been for Counseling Subsidy as people have lost their jobs, they also have lost their health care coverage. He said that last year Social Services provided \$43,357 in Counseling Subsidy assistance.

Mr. McCalister said that to meet the additional financial needs, the Village applied for and received federal Community Development Block Grant COVID funds. He said last year, the Village utilized \$26,330.50 towards Counseling Subsidy and \$57,807.23 for rent assistance. He said that this allowed Social Services to stay under budget while meeting the needs of residents.

Mr. McCalister stated that the Health Officers have been busy continuing to conduct inspections of food establishments and other businesses, using the appropriate safety precautions and responding to their questions through the shifts in Tiers and Phases of the Restore Illinois Plan.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Mr. Robb stated the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is waiting to be called out to help with COVID-19 vaccination assistance, and he gave a list of volunteers to potentially use at the Senior Center's clinic being held on Friday, March 19. Mr. Robb stated because of COVID-19 more people have wanted to join the MRC. He said that the MRC has a total of 31 members. He stated the National Association of County and City Health Officials surveyed to identify COVID-19 related activities being performed by the MRC and answer questions about stats for the MRC. Mr. Robb's understanding is that the MRC is not being utilized much in Cook County and more so utilized state- wide.

Dr. Harris stated it is somewhat disappointing that Cook County is not utilizing the MRC. Mr. McCalister stated as more vaccine becomes available hopefully there will be more opportunity to see the MRC volunteers be utilized. Dr. Meservey stated as more vaccines become available it would be important to push for the Arlington Racecourse site as a mass vaccination location.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Virtual or In-person Meetings

Mr. McCalister stated that the Village Manager asked to poll the Boards and Commissions to determine if members prefer virtual or in-person meetings. He stated that the Board of Health, Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, Environmental Commission, Youth Commission and Senior Commission all prefer to stay virtual for the present time. Mr. McCalister stated there is logistical, legal and health issues concerning in-person meetings. Chairperson VanLandeghem stated it will be important to follow the CDC guidance. She explained that the last information shared was that they were encouraging to minimize large groups or meetings, if preventable, and being vaccinated will be an important role in determining when to resume larger groups and meetings.

The Board had a discussion and agreed to continue meeting virtually.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board agreed to meet May 17, 2021. Mr. McCalister stated he can provide an update about the CARE program at the next meeting. Dr. Meservey asked if there have been any issues that the Police are experiencing related to adult-use recreational marijuana. Mr. McCalister stated that he will ask Chief Pecora to invite a Police representative to the next meeting.

Mr. McCalister stated that the new solid waste contract will continue with Groot for seven years starting May 1, 2021. He explained that the following information are highlights from the new contract:

- Once per week refuse collection only
- On the third landscape waste collection day each April, Groot will collect from each household, five unstickered landscape waste bags or bundles.
- Groot will collect up to two electronic items from the curb at each household per week at no additional fee. Cathode-ray tube (CRT) televisions in excess of 50 pounds will require an additional charge of \$50 per unit.
- Active Military Discount- The discount is available for residences with a family member that normally lives in the home and is in full-time military service or is a Guard/ Reservist that is actively deployed. Village staff will process applications for the discount, which will require each resident to provide an active government issued common access card (CAC) for verification, and will inform Groot when households are to begin receiving the discount. Discounts are to begin at the start of the first three-month billing period following the approval by the Village.
- Charge for oversized items

Resident Melissa Cayer asked how the medical offices are doing with Health Information Privacy Protection Act (HIPPA). Ms. Sterrenberg stated that the Village is not involved with the medical offices. Ms. Cayer stated that when people study for medical jobs, they study HIPPA and HIPPA is something to be concerned about. Dr. Meservey stated that when he was in practice, HIPPA was studied in the medical offices and the staff were aware of what HIPPA means. Chairperson VanLandeghem stated the Board of Health would not have any purview over HIPPA in medical offices.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

DR. HARRIS, SECONDED BY DR. MESERVEY, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:31 P.M. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.