



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Virtual Meeting

March 15, 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 November 16, 2020

IV. REPORTS

- A. Introduction of Rosangela Maldonado - Social Services Case Worker
B. COVID-19 Health & Human Services Update

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Medical Reserve Corps

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Virtual or In-person Meetings

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Future Topics for Consideration

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Board of Health
3/15/2021**

Item: Minutes from November 16, 2020

Department: Minutes from November 16, 2020

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from November 16, 2020	Minutes



**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Virtual
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
November 16, 2020
6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson VanLandeghem called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

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

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison
Mary Sterrenberg, Supervising Nurse
Lindsay Dohse, Community Health Nurse
Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager
Melissa Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant
Melissa Cayer, Resident
Keith Moens, Resident

Absent

Thomas Harris, DDS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from August 24, 2020

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MESERVEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2020 MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BARNETT AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. REPORTS

A. Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager – Senior Center Report

Mr. McCalister introduced Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager. Ms. Colagrossi presented an update and review of current operations at the Senior Center. Ms. Colagrossi reviewed the different programs offered at the Senior Center, such as billiards, card playing and AARP safe driving classes. She stated that the dining room holds special events, movies, and presentations. The patio space allows for outdoor concerts and small group talks. Ms. Colagrossi stated that they also offer virtual programs. She said other services are popular like the Snow Removal Referral Program and the Lawn Mowing Referral Program. She stated postal alerts, Sharps containers drop off, Nursing Services, AARP Tax Aide appointments, SHIP counseling appointments, program registration, group exercise, woodworking shop, and tour club continues to go on through the COVID-19 response. She said the Arlington Heights Memorial Library has a reading room and offers technology classes. Catholic Charities offers lunch pick up and meal delivery, case coordination with Adult Protective Services (APS), nursing home prescreen, family caregiver support, and benefits access.

Ms. Colagrossi stated that the Senior Center Inc. publishes the bimonthly newsletter and sponsors programs. Ms. Colagrossi introduced the Senior Center staff and recognized volunteers. She reviewed the community partners such as the Arlington Heights Park District Athletic Club, Arlington Heights Nurses Lending Closet, which is currently closed. She said Northwest Community Healthcare operates health and wellness classes, and the Village Nurses offer a wellness clinic. Ms. Colagrossi explained that Escorted Transportation Service is a program that takes people to appointments by volunteer drivers.

Ms. Colagrossi shared that due to COVID-19, the hours of operation have changed and the maximum number of people in the building is restricted.

Ms. Colagrossi reviewed her experience and background. Mr. McCalister acknowledged Ms. Colagrossi for her efforts and stated she has done a great job during the pandemic.

Dr. Meservey asked if the Senior Center is still open. Ms. Colagrossi stated that Village programs conducted in groups will only be virtual, the library is open three days a week, and the Park District is doing minimal programs. The building is open and operations are still happening, but following the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines.

B. COVID-19 Health and Human Services Update

Mr. McCalister stated that \$164,000 Federal CDBG funds have been allocated for financial assistance. He said March through October, they have provided \$120,000 in emergency assistance to 224 residents in need, received 334 inquiries for financial assistance and processed 212 applications. Mr. McCalister shared that the Counseling Subsidy program provided \$42,000 in assistance to those who needed mental health services and lost their insurance coverage. Front counter staff have responded to 418 public inquiries regarding COVID-19 questions. He said Environmental Health has responded to over 80 complaints from residents and business owners regarding COVID-19. He stated that in regard to COVID-19 cases, this past week the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) reported 344 cases in Arlington Heights and has +177% changes in the past 14 days. The Village Nurses are helping CCDPH with contact tracing for Arlington Heights residents. Mr. McCalister reported that the Arlington Park Racecourse testing site will continue during the winter and there is discussion about adding more lanes. He said that last week our region had a 15.2% positivity rate and continues to increase and the State has 12.5% positivity rate. Mr. McCalister reported that currently the Illinois Department of Public Health

(IDPH) is seeking a vendor to assist with planning and logistical operations for statewide mass vaccination activities.

Ms. Sterrenberg stated there was a way to apply for COVID-19 vaccine and thanked Dr. Brown for her help to enroll in the ICARE program and submit for the vaccine.

Dr. Meservey said he knows the Senior Center was closed for a while and asked the status of them opening. Mr. McCalister stated virtual classes are offered, the public is masked and they have plexiglass. The Arlington Heights Memorial Library and Park District are other agencies located in the Senior Center, and are following the State requirements. If the governor issues a stay at home order they will review closing the building down again. Ms. Sterrenberg stated clinic services are offered by appointment to allow time to disinfect equipment between patients.

Chairperson VanLandeghem asked about the new restaurant orders and how the Alfresco dining is going in Arlington Heights. Mr. McCalister stated the restaurants were very happy with the Alfresco dining and with the winter coming, restaurants are focusing on offering easier food pick-up and delivery. Mr. Moens asked if the Alfresco dining contributed to the spike in positive cases of COVID-19 in Arlington Heights. Mr. McCalister stated that any gathering of people has its risks and offering outdoor dining helped mitigate risks, while helping keep businesses operational. The Environmental Health Officers inspected the Alfresco dining to ensure the set up was according to State guidelines and proper social distancing between tables.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adult-Use Cannabis

Mr. McCalister stated that the budget meetings were last week and the Village Board may receive \$500,000 annually based on the local tax pilot program for cannabis sales. No other updates were discussed.

Dr. Meservey stated it seems like the sale of adult use cannabis may not go away since it is making money. Mr. McCalister stated at the end of 18 months the program will be evaluated. Ms. VanLandeghem stated the financial incentive is a consideration for many Villages. Dr. Barnett stated the Board of Health recommends it is not a health benefit.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sterrenberg said Northwest Community Hospital is looking to use a location as a donation site for convalescent plasma, which will be given to people who have recovered from COVID-19. Dr. Barnett stated there is not a lot of data for convalescent plasma, but in the acute setting there is less people in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) compared to where we were in May. There is a shortage of convalescent plasma and the hospital just needs a physical space large enough to accommodate people. Ms. Sterrenberg stated if a benefit is seen in the ICU then the Village can review where a space would be available for the hospital to use. Dr. Barnett stated that the Senior Center would be a good location due to available parking lot, size of facility and proximity from the hospital. Mr. McCalister asked Dr. Barnett how things are going at the hospital. Dr. Barnett stated they are seeing a slightly younger population is in the hospital with COVID-19, and nursing homes are doing a good job quarantining most at risk. He said 92 inpatients are currently in the hospital. Dr. Meservey asked how they are medically approaching patient care. Dr. Barnett stated he is not very involved in patient care since he is located in surgery, but giving convalescent plasma and supportive care. Ms. Sterrenberg asked if the hospital is testing employees. Dr. Barnett stated employees wear masks

and managers are monitoring staff for symptoms, and if employees have symptoms then they get tested.

Dr. Meservey asked if the Village gets a vaccine, should plans be made for distribution. Ms. Sterrenberg stated when the vaccine comes, it may be similar to when we received the H1N1 vaccine. She said the Village received the vaccine before Northwest Community Hospital received the vaccine, so they gave vaccine to the hospital for emergency room staff, then took care of first responders. She said H1N1 was targeted towards children and the Village made clinic appointments to control people coming in the building at one time. Ms. Sterrenberg stated the Village Family Flu Clinic this year was a drive through clinic by appointments to ensure social distancing. Ms. Sterrenberg said the drive through had 72 people. Ms. Cayer stated Frontier Days might have refrigerators. Ms. Sterrenberg stated the refrigerator and freezer temperature must be higher than a residential refrigerator.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McCalister stated the Village Board is in agreement to support a seven-year contract with Groot starting in May 2021. He said monthly curbside service would be reduced to \$17.30 and twice a week collection would be eliminated as only 7% residents used twice a week collection. He said residents could place two electronic items at the curb twice a week for no cost. Mr. McCalister stated that yard waste stickers are currently \$2.85 and would decrease to \$2.45 per sticker. He also stated that for one week in April residents will be able to place five free yard waste bags at the curb. This will help those who stored landscape waste bags over the winter. He said Groot will also provide \$30,000 towards household waste collection events per year.

Mr. McCalister stated that upcoming meetings are scheduled quarterly and the Board agreed. The 2021 meetings are scheduled for 2/15, 5/17, 8/16 and 11/15. at 6:30 p.m. After discussion, the Board decided to change the 2/15 meeting to 2/22 due to President's Day.

Ms. Cayer asked if the Board can offer a periodic report about medical errors. Mr. McCalister stated that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations is responsible for medical professional licensures. Ms. VanLandeghem stated the State is tracking that information.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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