

**Board of Health
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Members Attending: J. Dethoff, B. Hospidor, J. Schwartz

Others Attending: S. Smith, E. Blankenbiller, J. Stoudt

Dr. Dethoff called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. He stated that a quorum is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Hospidor, seconded by Dr. Schwartz, to approve the August 2, 2022 meeting summary as written. Motion carried unanimously.

LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Blankenbiller stated that the lead abatement program is moving forward. He stated that inspections have begun and suggested that someone from the program be invited to future meetings.

COUNTY DEPT OF HEALTH

No report.

HEALTH SURVEY

Dr. Dethoff stated that the first survey is in process. He noted his hope that Ms. Camp and Ms. Kemmerer will attend the next meeting for an update. He also noted his hope that the Board would be able to review the survey.

Ms. Schorn connected to the meeting at this time.

**POSITION STATEMENT ON ADDING MOLD REGULATIONS TO THE PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CODE**

Dr. Dethoff stated that he drafted a position statement on adding mold to the Property Maintenance Code which was circulated to members. He stated that there were no recommended changes to the statement.

Mr. Lachat connected to the meeting at this time.

Ms. Smith stated that the statement was provided to City Council.

Dr. Dethoff stated that this project is complete unless there is a further request from City Council.

COVID-19 UPDATE

EMS Deputy Chief Sninsky shared the following via email with his apologies for being unable to attend this meeting:

- A total of 7 COVID cases in the Fire Department, 4 in August 3 in September, all minor or mild symptoms, returned after recommended quarantine with no issues
- The members affected were of various vaccination status
- The City has ample supplies of PPE if a spike in COVID does happen
- When we transport any patient to the hospital, they are given a surgical mask as per hospital policy
- A trend of increased overdoses in the past 2 months
- Last year we had at least 360 patients who were identified as opioid overdoses, several requiring multiple doses of Narcan (the number does NOT include when our City ambulances are busy on calls and a neighboring EMS agency handles the call)

HEALTH INSPECTION REPORT

Mr. Blankenbiller stated that Mr. Reed transferred to a different position and a formal report was not prepared. He stated that there are no new changes.

COVID-19 VACCINE

Dr. Dethoff questioned if it would be better to get the latest vaccine now or wait so that there is better holiday protection. Dr. Schwartz stated that it takes 2 – 4 weeks for full immunity. She recommended that the best time would be during October or early November.

Dr. Dethoff questioned the current COVID situation. Dr. Schwartz stated that most symptoms are now sinus related. She stated that the symptoms have changed. She stated that there is now better recovery but that the virus is spreading more easily. She reminded all to also get their annual flu shot.

Dr. Dethoff questioned the current regulations around the use of anti-viral medications. Dr. Schwartz stated that anyone can receive the anti-viral medications. She stated that use of the medication depends on the patient's co-morbidity. She stated that the medication has side effects and drug interactions. She stated that generally the medication is only given to those with moderate or high risks from COVID.

Dr. Dethoff expressed the belief that many cases are not being reported with home testing and mild symptoms. Dr. Schwartz agreed and expressed the belief that another surge will occur but that it will be less concerning.

NEXT MEETING

Dr. Dethoff and Mr. Hospidor stated that they are not available for the December meeting date. The group decided to reschedule the December meeting to December 13 at 4 pm. Meetings will continue to be virtual.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Smith, CMC
Deputy City Clerk