



**Delaware County Health Department
Board of Health Meeting
March 3, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

Rosemarie Halt, Chair
Lily Higgins, MD, Vice Chair
Patrick Brennan, MD
Annemarie Hirsch
Oni Richards

- I. There being a duly convened quorum, Chair Rosemarie Halt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- II. Chair Announcements: Agendas available in the back of room. Will defer further announcements at end of meeting.
- III. There was no public comment on the agenda items.
- IV. Approval of minutes: Rosemarie made the motion to accept the January 6, 2022 meeting minutes, approved by Dr. Higgins; seconded by Annemarie Hirsch. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Board Updates
 - a. Director Lyon provided update of PADOH application placed to go in front of Secretary Klinepeter. Update under New Business. Health Department staff moved into Baldwin Towers; Environmental health, some Population Health and Personal Health; Yeadon and Fair Acres in the future. No further comments from Board of Health.
 - b. Update on Covid numbers – Dr. Victor Rullan
 - Slide presentation with data from PADOH.
 - **Question from BOH: with the CDC guidance, will you start to report on levels of recommendations?** Yes. Three measurements: low, medium, high. As of February 25, 2022, Delaware County is in the middle.
 - **Question from BOH: Will you report numbers of daily new admissions and hospitalizations?** State is still working on the metrics of how that is reported.
 - c. Approval of new organizational chart and additional added positions: Deputy Director, Epidemiologist Research Associate, and Epidemiologist Investigator.
 - d. Recognition of Health Department Steering committee, Dr. Monica Taylor:
 - The Steering Committee has been working in the background from July, 2020 until now. Working with a strategic planner, interviewing applicants, program plans; they have been a huge asset in developing our Health Department.
 - Saying thank you to all of the Steering Committee for getting us where we are today.
 - Members were given Challenge Coins which have the “Delco Strong” logo to commemorate their service. Steering Meeting members:

Peter Adamo
Shelly Buck

Aaron Osmon
Stephen Bradley

Rosetta Carter
Gary Davis
Alexandra Fields
June Messum
Sarah McCullough
Letitia O’Kiki
Frances Sheehan
Sarah Smathers
Vince Rongionne

Kathleen Cardillo
Anja Cleveland
Brittany Foreman
Michelle Garrity
Grant Gregwick
Grace Gorenflo
Meg Grant
Katie Lichtenstein
Scott Schultz

VI. New Business

- a. No Division reports today for Board of Health. Division reports will be sent to Board members with the agenda for review. If any Board members have questions, they may be directed to the Division head for an answer. Director Lyon will let the Board of Health members decide if this is an acceptable process.
- b. The approval announcement had to go under New Business as the letter of recognition was just received from the state on Monday, February 28, 2022 and approved to be a Public Health Department. Director Lyon read the letter from the State. A letter was sent to all municipal officers on March 3, 2022; Director Lyon read the letter that went out to municipalities. We are now into our 30 days to demonstrate Act 315 and Act 12. Our start date as the Delaware County Health Department is April 2, 2022.
- c. Board Chair, Rosemarie Halt, spoke about the efforts of Delaware County to create a Health Department recognizing Dr. Plotkin, who had assembled it, passed away last year. Rosemarie dedicated to making this possible along with Howard Lazarus, Dr. Monica Taylor, and many others who worked together, especially challenging during a pandemic.

VII. Public Comment – County Deputy Solicitor Jon Lichtenstein noted Board Members are not required to answer any questions and that public comment period for Board of Health is 3 minutes. Public Comment asked to state name, address.

- a. Diane Coghlan, 235 Cambridge Rd., Clifton Heights
Vaccine injured; believes Delco website is misleading regarding vaccinations. Sited links for further evidence that vaccines are not safe for all. Left an 85-page report with Director Lyon to review.
- b. Bill McIntyre, 215 Cherry Hill Lane, Broomall
Looking forward to seeing how the DCHD will keep people healthy. Continue the effort to keep food sources safe, environment clean, soil free from chemicals and pollution, good sanitation, and nutrition are key factor in keeping people healthy. Looking forward to Delco becoming one of the healthiest counties in the state.
- c. Linda Cosgrove, 645 Creekside Dr., Brookhaven
Covid survivor. Read a letter she sent to Senator Kane regarding her religious beliefs were not validated with a vaccine mandate by her employer. Thanked the Board for coordinating the Delco Health Department; prays it goes on the right course.
- d. Linda Belt, Media
Objected to tactics used by politicians and powerful people in coercing people to get vaccinated. Happy there is a Health Department and feels the public deserves help, not ridicule.

VIII. Board of Health Chair, Rosemarie Halt, thanked everyone for their comments. Board of Health members

had no comments. Motion to adjourn was approved.

Next Meeting July 7, 2022

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa C. Lyon, MPH, CPH
Board Secretary