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The rescheduled regular meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on August 24, 2021 at 4:00PM in the Hancock County Commission office. Chair Plesa opened the meeting with a roll call. Present were Chair Plesa, Anthony Palavis, Nicole Glass and Sandy Haspel. Staff present were Dr Christopher Rhody, Health officer and Jackie Huff, Administrator. Commissioner Cowey attended and represented the commission.

The minutes and financial reports were provided for review. Chair Plesa asked for comments or discussion or objections, hearing none, the minutes were approved. Secondly, the financials were approved.

No public comments

New Business: Audit was completed and presented to the Board for review. There were no findings in the audit ending June 30, 2020. The next audit will be completed in October for the year ending June 30, 2021. That will then bring the audits to date.

ELC grant update was given. Phase 1 grant is being managed through the Wheeling Ohio County Health Department and invoices are currently submitted. Phase 2 grant was submitted and we received a denial for the storage building. Reason given for the denial was that the CDC would own the property at the end of the grant they could take the building. Any future vehicles would need to be leased. The grant is very limited with what can be done with the money. Looking into other allowable expenses within the perimeter of the grants. Jackie will ask for further clarification from the state for the denial and find out where the denial came from.

Schools are not mandating masks at this time. Discussions have taken place with the Hancock County Superintendent and further discussions are ongoing. The Hancock County Board of Health has highly recommend that mask be worn along with other levels of protection, (social distancing when possible, extra sanitizing, hand washing,)

Discussion on the third dose and boost doses took place. Planning is being done to proceed once the CDC, FDA and State have approved to proceed.

The Health Department is doing weekley testing for COVID-19. Tuesday at Salvation Army from 10-12 and Thursday at the Magistrates office side lot from 1:30- 3:30.

The environmental and clinical reports were presented to the board.

Jackie stated that she is looking to hire extra staff, environmental contact tracers etc.. They can be hired or contractual.

The COVID-19 cases are on the rise. Hospitals are working at capacity. The staff is working the cases as they come in.

With no further business to discuss, the chair reminded all of the next meeting on October 12, 2021 at 4:00pm. The spread of Covid-19 will determine if in person or via conference call.

The Chair then asked for a motion to adjourn. Anthony Palavis motioned to adjourn and Nicole Glass second the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for Dr Rhody, by Jackie Huff