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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on October 6, 2020 at 4:00PM by conference call due COVID-19. Chair Plesa called the meeting to order and proceeded with roll call. Present were John Plesa, Anthony Pavalis, Sam DeCapiro, Nicole Glass and Sandy Haspel. Dr Rhody and Jackie Huff were present from the health department.

Chair Plesa ask if the members had an opportunity to review the minutes of the August meeting and the financials. Chair ask if any discussion or objections to the minutes and financials. Hearing no objections, the Chair moved to accept the minutes and financials.

No public comments

Old business: Chair explained the old business or tabled business regarding the spectators at sporting events was no longer needed to be addressed. The WVSSAC and the Board of Education already had decided on the action.

Jackie stated that the Health Department and employees have been working on cases and contacts as they are received. Today 6 cases had been received. A national guard is positioning a guard member to the department to assist with the cases and contacts.

Chair commented, due to our geographic location the numbers have been remarkably good. Nicole Glass agreed and then the rest of the board agreed.

New business: Jackie stated that the audit bids for this year and next have been submitted to the auditor's office for approval. Based on the process and number tally Ferrari and Associates was the company that was submitted for approval to conduct the audit. John Plesa asked if this was the same company that did the audit last year. Jackie responded that it was not, but Ferrari and Associates had done the audit previously.

Flu shots are now available at the department for anyone to receive one. The state is pushing for all to receive a flu shot and systems are in place to meet that goal. Private purchased flu is going to companies in our county.

Staff reports: Through the ELC grant which is a capacity building grant a job posting for an LPN has been posted with the Division of Personnel. Once that posting is closed a register will be provided of the applicants and interview will be conducted. Inquiries to the department have been received and hopeful a good candidate will be found.

Environmental staff is working diligently to get caught up on inspections of the permitted facilities.

Clinical staff is doing immunizations, flu shots, testing and clinics.

Judy from the Census asking to set up table to capture some people to complete the Census that have not previously completed. I stated that the commission would need to be asked but the department was ok with it.

Community and city inquiries have been coming in regarding trick or treat and holiday events. The staff shares the information as we receive it from the State and Governor's office. CDC guidance is provided to assist in the planning and ways to minimize risk.

Chair ask for any other discussion or topics from the members or Dr. Rhody.

Next meeting is December 8th, 2020 at 4:00PM and will be conducted via conference call. The meeting has agenda items for the nomination and vote for Chair and Vice Chair. The discussion and vote of Cost of living items. Scheduling the meeting dates and times for the 2021 calendar. Chair is hopeful that the meeting will be able to be held in person next year. If any member has any other agenda items for the December meeting Chair, ask that they let He or Jackie know.

No further business to discuss the Chair moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted for Dr. Rhody