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The regular scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on October 12, 2021, at 4:00PM via teleconference due to high COVID-19 numbers. Chair Plesa opened the meeting with roll call. Present were Chair Plesa, Vice Chair Anthony Palavis, Sam DeCapio, Nicole Glass and Sandy Haspel. Health Department staff present were Dr Rhody and Jackie Huff. Commissioner Paul Cowey and Eron Chek were present for the meeting.

The minutes and financials from the previous meeting were distributed through email prior to the meeting. Chair Plesa asked if there were any changes or objections to the minutes or financials. Hearing none the minutes and financials were accepted and approved. The financials will be filed for audit.

No public comments.

Old Business: COVID-19 updates were presented by Jackie Huff. They numbers are rising, and the department continues to offer vaccination clinics and testing at the health department. The dates and times are on social media, presented to media and can be found on the webpage. Commissioner Chek offered to adapt the voicemail system to offer the dates on the message on our phones. She stated that a few people were unable to reach us when we our off-site doing clinics. The Board stated that the methods presently being used should reach most people but that the department could look into the voicemail approach. Jackie Huff stated that the messages left on voicemail were also in email and the staff had been instructed to address all calls and messages. The case investigation continues as required and advising all patients of the process to isolate and quarantine. 10 days is the isolation (or when well/improved) for those that test positive and starts from the when patient develops symptoms.

New business:

The ELC grant was resubmitted for approval. This grant was for the testing site/department build. Awaiting a response back.

Workforce grant was submitted. Jackie has not heard anything to date.

The Threat Preparedness grant was approved, and the COVID-19 additional TP was awarded.

Staff Reports: Clinical reports and Environmental were given. All departments are offering the services the to the patients. The difference is that the services are offered at times when covid clinics are not being held.

Environmental staff has continued to inspect establishments in the county.

With no further business to discuss. Motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be December 14, 2021 at 4:00PM it will be determined if that will take place in person or by phone depending on the numbers with COVID-19

Respectfully submitted for Dr Christopher Rhody,