

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 14, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Betsy Wiest, Jennie Hagerty, George Fickenworth, Pat Stuck, Mary Viglione, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Niken Carpenter, Steve Walters, Rita Scrimenti, Dave Deter, Barb Lewis, Colleen Hammon, Cris Taylor, Gary Horton, Jenn Woodard, Darrell Smith

Not Present: Sherrai Holland, Pat Tracy, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Laura Luther, Sean O’Neill, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski

The meeting started at 10:05 a.m.

Lisa Karle and George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants

Health Provider Updates:

Steve Walters, Health Department:

- Lisa sent an email concerning upcoming COVID-19 testing. It is attached to these minutes.
- Steve indicated they are testing more often, offering more vaccination clinics, and working on set areas in the county where these will be available. Bayfront Convention Center currently is the location on Tuesday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Thursday 3 – 6 p.m. He stated these times change when the convention center has events, and this is the case on Tuesday, January 18th, when the time will be 3-6 pm. He said to check the ECDH website for current information.
- Accessibility of monoclonal antibodies – Steve shared the availability is limited depending on where the patient presents. Dr. Cris Taylor shared that his PCP told him it is distributed from UPMC based on a lottery system. This does appear to be helpful, but masking and social distancing continues to be encouraged. Steve will discuss this with his team at the DOH and keep us updated.
- For updated COVID information, Steve recommended go to the DOH website. <https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/health/>

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net via email:

- Testing still available Mon-Friday please call 814-455-7222 ext. 282 to schedule PCR testing only. Please leave a voicemail message and someone will return your call and schedule a time. Be patient as CHN is short staffed, and testing has increased tremendously but someone will get back to you until my return.
- Please check CHN website regarding days and times Moderna vaccine clinic is open. Our website will allow you to pick the dose needed and allow you to schedule day and time that are available. This is found on Covid-19 drop down box. Or contact 814-455-7222 to speak to receptionist.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Stucke (MHA): Everything remains the same and they are “holding their own”.

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): Had a former employee pass away (Anita Kraut). Worked with MCW for 12 years. She touched many lives. Jennie is providing N95 masks to her staff to wear under their cloth masks. Jennie

purchased them through Amazon. Dr. Cris Taylor shared he purchased 600 masks for \$195 from Amazon. Lisa shared that at the HomeTeam meeting yesterday, Dr. Ulmer from CHN has home rapid tests and will distribute 10 at a time to the homeless, underinsured, and underserved particularly for those who are doing home visits. If you are in need, please contact him at culmer@community-healthnet.com

Are the KN95's reusable? Per Steve Walters – if you are somewhere with a low amount of people, you can wear them more than once.

Are some of the KN95's not approved? Per Steve Walters – look for the KN95 emblem on the outside of the mask, these are legitimate. If you find the KN95 emblem on the inside, they most likely are not.

Niken Carpenter (COE): City is following CDC guidelines. City recently lost an employee to Covid. Everyone is being encouraged to work from home. Niken shared the following: On an unrelated note: The mayor's press conference yesterday covered an update on American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for local businesses, entrepreneurs and community groups. Here's a link to watch the full recorded session: https://fb.watch/axkIRI_4_3/ (fast forward to 4:38)

For those who'd like to learn about the application (pre-screening) process, the city's Business Development Officer, Jennifer Hoffman is going to hold three webinars next week on:

Tuesday, January 25 at 8:30am

Tuesday, January 25 at 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 26 at 12pm

Darrell Smith (ECM): Two programs at ECM (Emergency Shelter and New Life Program). Dealing with Covid at NLP and are able to quarantine due to their configuration. CHN was helpful in testing all of their guests. Darrell shared that all of the clients sleep in one of two dorms. DOH shared configurations that would be helpful to the ECM. This is a concern, especially with Omicron right now. Still are offering sit down dining. Masks do not have to be worn while eating.

Darrell is pleased with the response to get people into the Avalon when needed. Is hoping this latest Omicron variant is helping people to build herd immunity. Steve Walters added that air circulation (opening windows for at least 15 minutes), air purifiers also help prevent the spread. Check the DOH website for ways to help create air purifiers.

Darrell was able to order Rapid Tests on Amazon (IHealth) for \$20/ea. and if ordered today, they can be delivered 1/24-28/22.

Dave Deter (City of Erie): ESG Cares Act Funding – supplemental round opened in Dec and allocations were made primarily to shelters. HUD has imposed an expenditure threshold for 3/31/22 of this year to demonstrate 80% of the original allocation was spent. If this threshold is met, they may begin spending the remaining funds. EUMA, ECM MCW, COC, CSS – allocated \$248,000. City was allocated \$3M in HOME APR funds with a focus on homeless populations housing development. The funds have timeframe through 2030, mainly because it has a lengthy planning process to go through before applying to HUD. Dave anticipates this planning phase to take until the summer or fall of 2022. The first HOME ARP Planning Meeting with homeless service and housing providers will be held virtually on January 26th at 10:00. Please pre-register to participate in this meeting with Debra Smith, DECD Director at dsmith@erie.pa.us

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): Making sure hats, gloves, scarves, handwarmers are available for guests. Covid is affecting everyone. Is going to keep serving as best they can.

Barb Lewis: No new updates.

Jenn Woodard (COC): In the midst of another outbreak at Mary Rose Sanctuary. Currently on day 3 with no new positive cases. First group returns from Avalon tomorrow. Is not reopening to new clients until at least next Wednesday for MRS. Has three staff who are out with Covid.

Cris Taylor (UR): They are busy, but are upholding their rules. Must be vaccinated to enter the program. This has been effective. Averaging over 110/day and are full each day. No real problems.

Gary Horton (UECDC): Increase in their testing and also in positive testing. Tested several hundred in the past two weeks. Launched a vaccination clinic (pediatric to provide all shots) at the John Horan Gardens. 2nd shots will be on 1/20/22. Vaccination Clinics: 1/29, 2/12 –at MLK; 3/12, 4/2 – BTW Center 4/23, 5/13 - JFK Center

Colleen Hammon (ONP): AT ONP, there have been more people presenting with Covid. They are testing each night. Working with County and family members to determine where someone can isolate.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): No new updates. Masks are required for everyone. Social distancing, cleaning, screening still occurring.

Additional Conversation Notes:

Lisa thanked everyone for the information shared today. The County has contracted with the Avalon to isolate Covid positive only coming from shelters. Each shelter has to make the referral to EUMA. All referrals need to go through EUMA. Members are asked to not identify the Avalon and just say a “local hotel” in conversations with others to protect this hotel and maintain this contract.

George brought up the free home tests everyone will receive. Insurance will reimburse for testing costs beginning this Saturday. Possibly this may be able to help those we serve. He believes the Federal Government is going forward with a website allowing 2/person. How do we strategize so that people at the shelter can have the tests mailed to them? He suggested we continue to talk about this. Lisa feels that CHN may be one place to obtain the free tests per Craig Ulmer.

Jenny asked what the plan is for next year if the Avalon is purchased? Lisa indicated that discussion is taking place and will not affect this season. Peter is working with the owners to see what we can do next year.

If you take the rapid test and it is negative, you should retake in a few days. Read the instructions on the box and CDC guidance as it may differ for asymptomatic persons.

Jokes for the day:

Joke of the Day: A red boat, a blue boat and a yellow boat collided on the ocean one day. The sailors were maroon(ed).

Date for the next meeting: Friday, January 21, 2022

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 28, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Betsy Wiest, George Fickenworth, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Jennie Hagerty, Pat Stucke, Sean O'Neill, Mary Viglione, Pat Tracy, Rita Scrimenti, Dave Deter, Niken Carpenter, Sherrai Holland, Jenn Woodard

Not Present: Colleen Hammon, Steve Walters, Cris Taylor, Gary Horton, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Laura Luther, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Barb Lewis, Chelsea Bates, Darrell Smith, Kathy Lamb

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

Lisa Karle and George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants

Health Provider Updates:

Chelsea Bates/Laura Luther/Kathy Lamb - Health Department: Not available for the meeting.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:

- Monday, 1/31/22 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. will be at ECM to provide Moderna vaccines and Boosters. Encouraging people to have their cards available. For those who don't have their card, CHN will have their computers with them to look up their vaccination status.
- Regular vaccine clinic at CHN by scheduling appointments online. Appointments open a week at a time due to staffing. Vaccine clinic is open on Friday mornings.
- Tested at SPH and all tested negative.
- Continuing to test at ECM in the New Life Center.
- CHN received the Quick View home test kits and will make them available to providers if CHN is not available to conduct tests.

Question asked if there are differences in the rapid tests. Some tests take a few more steps and the time for the results may differ.

Question asked with the rapid tests, once the 2nd line shows up, is it positive? Sherrai indicated Yes if even if the 2nd line is faint but you can see a line, it is still positive and should be treated as such.

Question asked how soon after a positive COVID can a person get a vaccination? Sherrai indicated the vaccine can then be given 90 days after but when in doubt, check with your doctor.

Question asked if home test is positive, what do they do? George indicated that it depends on who/where you are. His son was directed to notify the school. George must notify his employer. Rapid tests have changed the game. Lisa said the DOH said on a previous call that positive results should be reported to the DOH if you have not been directed to report elsewhere. The general thought is that for every 1 positive home test, there may be 5 additional positive cases.

Question asked if CHN reports positive tests when they test in a shelter. Sherrai confirmed they do notify the DOH.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Stucke (MHA): In the Consumer Center (daytime drop-in center), KN95 masks are required for all consumers and staff.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): Will start giving incentive cards for booster shots this weekend.

Mary Viglione: No updates at this time.

Sean O'Neill (ECCM): No updates at this time. Continuing to screen COVID information in HMIS and those in Isolation and sending notices to providers on a daily basis. This is very helpful to providers.

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): Thank you to Pat and Jenn for recent loan of tests. Two weekends ago, they had a confirmed mother and child. Thanks to her amazing staff, they were able to test and keep everyone safe. They are heading in the right direction. Have been awarded additional funds for the vaccine incentive gift cards. Hamot Health Foundation donated \$1,000 for gift cards and Jennie will acknowledge that gift with a letter.

Niken Carpenter (COE): No updates at this time.

Jenn Woodard (COC): No updates at this time.

Dave Deter (City of Erie): Applications for CDBG and ESG for FY 2022 are due today.

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): No updates at this time.

Leatrice Schoolcraft: No updates at this time.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): Had a guest report as COVID positive. No new people were admitted to the program for five days. All guests were tested on 1/21 and again 5 days later. All tests on both days were negative. Program is back to COVID normal.

Sam's Club was giving out free KN95 masks yesterday. Discussion occurred about the difference between N95 and KN95 masks. Sherrai showed what an N95 mask looks like.

Additional Conversation Notes:

Sherrai indicated that the event at ECM on Monday will be vaccines only – no testing. CHN is meeting today to put plans together for this event. Sherrai will reach out to Darrell for timing. Vaccine Ambassadors should be at ECM at 11:15 a.m in the Chapel.

For those who pass out vaccine gift cards, be sure to annotate on the back:

Date

Amount given in gift card (i.e., \$10, \$20, etc.)

Initials of person dispensing the incentive card

If someone shows up with a card with no annotation, go ahead and give the incentive for the vaccines.

Pat T. will bring her vaccine list to assist with knowing who might have received incentives.

Jokes for the day:

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Per Jennie Hagerty: Need an ark? I NOAH guy!

Per Betsy: What is a penguin's favorite game show? Whale of Fortune!

Date for the next meeting: Friday, February 4, 2022

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 18, 2022

Present: George Fickenworth, Betsy Wiest, Lisa Karle, Barb Lewis, Colleen Hammon, Mary Viglione, Jennie Hagerty, Jenn Woodard, Sherrai Holland, Rita Scrimenti, Steve Walters,

Not Present: Pat Stucke, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Niken Carpenter, Cris Taylor, Gary Horton, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Chelsea Bates, Kathy Lamb, Laura Luther, Pat Tracy, Darrell Smith, Niken Carpenter, Dave Deter

The meeting started at 10:06 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants. This will be our last meeting until we start moving to an every-other-week schedule.

Health Provider Updates:

Steve Walters - Health Department:

- No official updates. All testing and vaccine dates are available on their website.
- Testing event numbers are lower but 20% of people showing up are testing positive. The Omicron Variant 2 is currently in 48 states. Severity is not known at this time.
- Keep wearing your masks and practicing mitigation efforts.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:

- Vaccines and testing has increased over the last two weeks.
- Still operating as usual – vaccine clinic running on Friday mornings. Appointments can be made on the CHN website to schedule an appointment. New appointments open a week in advance.
- Testing is available Mon-Friday. Call CHN for more details.
- Don't have KN95 masks for distribution at this time. Do have the rapid tests if needed. Contact Sherrai if you need the test kits.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Darrell Smith (ECM):

Jenn Woodard (COC): No new updates at this time. Jenn would like to volunteer for the PIT Count. George will contact Jenn with service opportunities after the meeting.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper/ONP):

Mary Viglione: Heard that St. Vincent Behavioral Health will be going to full capacity soon. This will provide more assistance for those in need. Trying to work with providers to assist people in finding the help they need.

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): Jennie looking forward to working the PIT Count. Currently have 80 Country Fair gift cards. Pat picked some up the other day. If you need cards, please contact Jennie. Thank you to Hamot for funding this round of gift cards.

Sherrai indicated there is not currently a future date scheduled for a vaccine clinic at the Erie City Mission.

Barb Lewis: Is currently doing more advocacy work. Said the Erie Trauma Informed Coalition event yesterday was amazing. Conversation was positive and the conference was powerful – focused on facial disparity. Recordings will be available on their website. Lisa will send the link when the recordings are available.

Colleen Hammon: Looking forward to working on the upcoming PIT Count. Wednesday (2/16/22) at ONP, Central Outreach (located on 34th and State Street) did a vaccination clinic and were able to offer vaccinations/boosters to six guests.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): No new updates.

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): Looking to see if they can convert to indoor serving in the future. More details will be shared as they develop. They are hoping to do this by the end of March.

Additional Conversation Notes:

Colleen said she received a call from a Minority Medical Clinic and heard about our card incentive and wondered if we would provide cards for them. As a team, we determined last week that we would not be allocating to new providers but could reach out to UPMC. Our cards were gathered for use by congregate shelters in our area. Katie Bool is the contact at UPMC and organizations who reach out to us can be directed to Katie for gift cards.

For those who are working the PIT Count next week, George will send an email out on Monday to all those working the PIT Count so we all know who is working and where.

We are moving to an every other week with our next meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022. Lisa will send out a schedule for the next several weeks and will send the link as an invite.

Barb Lewis led a discussion on engaging persons with lived experience on organization boards and a Consumer Advocacy Board. The hope is to develop this type of board (CAB) in the City. A CAB would be beneficial for funding as well.

Joke for the day:

Betsy: What did the nearsighted optometrist say when he was sick? I can't see myself coming in today.

Colleen: What did the traffic light say to the car? Look away, I'm changing!

Lisa: Why did the scarecrow get promoted? He was outstanding in his field.

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Not Present: Jenn Woodard, Jennie Hagerty, Pat Stucke, Niken Carpenter, Gary Horton, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Chelsea Bates, Kathy Lamb, Laura Luther, Niken Carpenter, Dave Deter, Colleen Hammon, Sherrai Holland, Steve Walters,

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Health Department – Not available for this call

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Not available for this call

Homeless Provider Updates:

Darrell Smith (ECM): ECM has dropped its' mask mandate at ECM because it is reasonable to do so. ECM is testing everyone who is new to their program. He is looking at guidelines to find out about congregate shelters and the masking requirements. Darrell shared the dining room is open with a limited number of tables. ECM is now offering breakfast. Lunches are coming out bagged but people can sit down. They continue to watch the numbers to determine how much more they will open up sit-down options.

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): Introduced herself in working with the homeless and was glad to join our meeting.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper/ONP): Thinks ONP will stay masked throughout the season. As of this week, ONP has stopped testing everyone at ONP. Have not had a positive case in over a month. They are only testing those who experience symptoms. Sunday Supper hoping to reopen on 4/10 (Palm Sunday) and will not be doing any take out meals. Accommodations will be made for those who cannot be in with a big crowd. They will eat in another room. Still having people bring vaccine cars. Because they are not a licensed restaurant, Sunday Supper will no longer be permitted to provide takeout meals per the Department of Health.

Mary Viglione: No new updates.

Barb Lewis: No new updates. Barb shared that she is connecting with people anywhere she can make a connection to build awareness on homelessness and the Home Team. This meeting helps her to share information with those she encounters.

Leatrice Schoolcraft: No new updates.

Colleen Hammon: No new updates. Wanted to congratulate and thank Lisa and George for the PIT Count this year.

Cris Taylor (UR): Dropped mask mandate this week and went to mask optional. Still are insisting people are vaccinated. Cris indicated that some clients are choosing to mask.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): No new updates. Any new mask mandates for shelters?

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): Shared Pat Tracy's sentiment that since COVID, estimating the amount of food to prepare has been very challenging. Looking to do partial seating soon. As food providers reopen, they will need to look at portion sizing to assist those who may be hungry.

Mary Louise Imbrugio: No new updates. Feels everyone will be challenged when food services go back to eating in as many families are used to bringing meals home. Mary Louise is concerned that when take-out is no longer available, those families who have used this to feed their families may be hungry. They may not be able to come in for sit down services.

Additional Conversation Notes:

- Lisa gave an update on the Point In Time (PIT) count on 2/25/22. The new format of meeting people in the places where they eat (Upper Room, MHA, ECM, Emmaus) was successful. Numbers are not yet validated but are higher than they had been in the past. The new system seems to have reached people we missed in the past. George shared his impressions that people are hungry and many of those he spoke with were not necessarily unsheltered, but they are hungry and spend the day "chasing their meals".
- Cris Taylor asked about how we count adolescents and the fact that we may not have been able to accurately count them. Is it possible to work with the schools for this information? Lisa indicated that the schools work with homeless liaisons for this information. Those who are runaways or age out of foster care may not accurately be counted.

George indicated that at one time there was a Youth Committee on the Home Team. This Committee is not currently active. This is definitely an issue the team may want to revisit.

Barb Lewis asked if Cris or his team know where the encampments are. Cris said he would work on finding that information and will get back to Barb.

- Discussion on masks. Lisa said there was an update on 2/10/22 and CDC is in the process of reviewing recommendations. The transmissibility for Erie County has moved from High to Low. Darrel shared information on things to look at in dropping mask mandates: hospitalizations over previous week, % of hospital beds occupied by COVID, # cases per 100,000. Also need to look at if you are at risk.

George shared: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
This is a tool on CDC that identifies county level of transmission and what prevention steps should be taken based on level.

If we continue to remain Low, this will affect mask mandates.

Joke for the day:

Colleen: Why can't Jesus eat M&M's? Because has your holes in His hands.

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Not Present: Betsy Wiest, Pat Stucke, Lisa Karle, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Colleen Hammon, Niken Carpenter, Steve Walters, Cris Taylor, Gary Horton, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Pat Tracy, Darrell Smith, Niken Carpenter, Dave Deter

The meeting started at 10:02 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Laura Luther - Health Department:

- Vaccine Rates for Erie County (total population): 9.1% One Dose
57.6% Fully Vaccinated (Two Dose)
33.3% Unvaccinated
28.4% Have Received Booster
- Unvaccinated individuals have a 4.5X higher risk of getting infected with COVID
- They are currently recommending Immunocompromised Individuals to receive a **4th Dose** to be considered Boostered (as they would require three doses to be considered fully vaccinated).
- J&J vaccine is being phased out due to lower efficacy. Need to follow up with MRNA vaccine.
- Keep wearing your masks and practicing mitigation efforts.
- Rapid tests are available through the DOH for vulnerable populations. Click this link to submit a request for rapid tests through PA Dept. of Health
<https://form.jotform.com/220526262894156>
- Pat Stucke asked about the new Covid variant, BA2, which seems to be a different type of variant than the BA1 that was circulating heavily around Christmas. Dr. Nadworny, Infectious Disease Consultant for the DOH, indicates that reach is showing that if you were infected with BA1, that it is highly unlikely that you will be infected with BA2.
- Jenn Woodard asked if there was any change to the guidance in masking in congregant settings. No change in guidance. Due to the prevalence of home rapid tests, they have changed how they calculate community transmission rates. Not only are they looking at case counts, they are also looking at hospitalization rates due to covid (number of admits and number of beds used due to Covid. At this point, we are looking to prevent severe illness and death due to Covid.
- Transmission rates in the county are lower and the hospitalization rates are significantly lower. George reported that Saint Vincent's had several days where they have not had anyone on a ventilator.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:

- Vaccines and testing has slowed down significantly.
- Still operating as usual – vaccine clinic running on Friday mornings. Appointments can be made on the CHN website to schedule an appointment. Only offering Moderna Vaccine (1st, 2nd or Booster). No longer offering J&J.

- Testing is available Mon-Friday. Call CHN for more details.
- Still have the rapid tests if needed. Contact Sherrai if you need the test kits.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Dave Deter (City of Erie): No new updates

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): Emmaus opened their dining room to half seating. They are still offering meals to go. They are still requiring masking in the facility.

Barb Lewis: No new updates

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): No new updates

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): No new updates

Pat Stucke (MHA): They continue to mask in the facility. ONP is currently at MHA for the remainder of the season. So far, there have been no positive cases.

Jenn Woodard (COC): No new updates

Mary Viglione (CCBH): No new updates

Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County): No new updates

Additional Conversation Notes:

Jennie Haggerty stated that there are still about 80 Country Fair gift cards available for vaccine incentives. Please contact her if you have any need for gift cards.

Joke for the day:

George: What kind of spells do leprechauns use? Lucky Charms.

Date for the next meeting: Friday, April 1, 2022

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
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Present: George Fickenworth, Betsy Wiest, Lisa Karle, Mary Viglione, Jennie Hagerty, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Mary Sackett, Pat Tracy, Barb Lewis, Sherrai Holland, Dave Deter

Not Present: Danielle Brooks, Jenn Woodard, Pat Stucke, Niken Carpenter, Gary Horton, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Chelsea Bates, Kathy Lamb, Laura Luther, Niken Carpenter, Colleen Hammon, Steve Walters, Cris Taylor, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Rita Scrimenti, Darrell Smith

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Health Department – Not available for today's meeting.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Demand for testing and vaccines has significantly decreased. Have not done outreaches recently. Still offering vaccines on Friday mornings (Moderna). Can be scheduled online. Moderna is offering 2nd boosters for people aged 50 and over 4 months after the first booster. CHN has received N95 masks, and they are available for providers. COVID rapid tests are also available. Contact Sherrai for more information.

George asked about the efficacy of J&J – should those who received J&J receive doses from either Pfizer or Moderna? The article George heard this from is: <https://news.yahoo.com/got-j-j-vaccine-consider-175612131.html> Sherrai said she would look into this and get back to the group.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Mary Sackett (MHA): No new updates. Asked about mask mandates being lifted in Erie and the effect on homeless shelters. George indicated that the last few times we've met, we have discussed congregate living and as far as we know, nothing has changed by CDC for congregate living.

Dave Deter (City of Erie): No new updates. Working on plans for ESG but HUD has not provided allocations.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper/ONP): Sunday Supper is in transition and as of 4/10/22 they will be back to dine-in only without takeout meals. Pat asked if she could get some of the Country Fair gift cards from Jennie Hagerty. Pat will pick up all 80 \$10 gift cards from MCW. Our Neighbor's Place has not had a positive COVID case since January 2022. The last night for ONP 2022 will be Tuesday, 4/5/22.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): Have been operating under the 1135 Waiver to extend authorization times. The waiver has been extended again beyond 3/31/22.

Barb Lewis: Client Services had 1st meeting after a hiatus of about a year. Looking at action plans and goals. Their next meeting is in 3 weeks. Anything the Vaccine Committee wants them to know, let Barb Lewis or Kurt Crays know. With ONP ending, is there a new plan where folks will be isolated who may test

positive? Lisa said there are two projects the County has been supporting: overflow and isolation. She did not know if there is funding left for overflow or isolation. Lisa will confirm with Peter when he returns to the office and update the group next week on new isolation procedures.

Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County): No new updates.

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): No new updates.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): No new updates.

Additional Conversation Notes:

- Lisa reported they had a special event to assess needs with ONP closing. They were able to assess 8 individuals. Conducted with the assistance of Sean O'Neill. Assessments took place last night at ONP to determine eligibility so referrals could be made.

Joke for the day:

Betsy: What group of people struggles the most with Corona Virus? The people who believe the Earth is flat because the social distancing is pushing them over the edge.

Lisa: Saw a sign on a landscaping store: Spring is here. I'm so excited I wet my plants!

Date for the next meeting: NOTE: Due to Good Friday occurring in two weeks, that meeting will be canceled and our next meeting will be Friday, April 29, 2022. Please use Lisa's email group to ask any questions or report any new information to be shared.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 29, 2022

Present: Betsy Wiest, Lisa Karle, Mary Viglione, Jennie Hagerty, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Barb Lewis, Pat Stucke, Jenn Woodard, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Sherrai Holland, Colleen Hammon, Rita Scrimenti, Dave Deter

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Health Provider Updates:

Health Department – Not available for this meeting

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Testing and vaccinations have been at a minimal over the last few weeks. They are seeing an increase in the boosters for both 1st or 2nd dose. Between the 1st and 2nd booster is a 4-month waiting period. 2nd booster is for ages 50+ and immune-compromised. Vaccines are held by appointment only on Friday mornings via www.communityhealthnet.com with the dropdown. The vaccine and booster offered is Moderna – offered only for those age 18 and older. For those who received a Pfizer or J&J vaccine, they can receive the Moderna booster. Still offering PCR and rapid testing – by appointment Monday thru Friday. They offer rapid testing to all patients during doctor appointments. N95 masks are also available as well as rapid tests for providers.

Colleen Hammon indicated that she heard people are having difficulty physically with the 2nd booster. Sherrai has not heard this but will check with her team.

Jenn Woodward said she is hearing that other shelters are not being masked. What is the mandate? For healthcare centers, masking remains the same and she has not heard that congregate centers be lifted.

Jenn indicated that CSS is no longer masks. MHA provides a mask optional protocol but continues with COVID triage. Jenn asked if Sherrai could send something concerning the mask mandate and congregate settings.

Lisa said we need to be careful of the use of mandate vs. guidelines. Lisa has not heard differently from the Dept. of Health about the masking guidelines and will keep the team updated on what she discovers. Much of the guidance revolves around the rate of transmission – which is low in Erie County.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Stucke (MHA): Approximately 88% of their members are vaccinated. Thank you to CHN for donating rapid tests. They continue with COVID triage.

Dave Deter (City of Erie): ESG Cares Act recipients - deadline has been extended to 12/30/2023. Currently at about 70% of funds being expended. Working on outreach for Home ARP Allocation. In May will begin reaching out to people concerning this. Primary focus is homelessness through priority groups – primarily a construction project to create housing. Still in a waiting pattern for ESG – Dave will keep us updated.

Jenn asked what happens when she runs out of funds for her grant. Can she reapply for additional funds? Dave does not expect to receive another allocation but if agencies are having difficulty spending funds, those funds may be reallocated.

Mary Louise asked in the grouping of people to receive the money for construction, is the chronic homeless listed? Dave indicated they are listed as a group. He also said allocation of funds cannot occur until planning is done and he is anticipating that to be sometime in September.

Jennie Hagerty asked if there will be an application process and when Dave shared there would be community members as part of the planning process, who are those community members. Dave said that would be homeless provider, HANDS, other developers, other stakeholders in community – still putting list together. Dave anticipates there will be an application process but will keep the group updated as developments occur.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper/ONP): Have been dining in for 3 Sunday's and are unmasked. Pat still giving out Country Fair gift cards for those who are being vaccinated and/or boosted.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): No new updates. Still operating under the waiver so authorizations are still extended. When in the office, they are masked.

Barb Lewis: Continues to work with 2-3 people who are housed tentatively. Still working on advocacy.

Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County):

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): Mercy Center is offering a vaccine clinic on 6/22/22 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in parking lot – will offer a vaccine clinic. Looking to start with new facility for permanent housing in October. Mercy Center for Women is asking for support for a grant. Click on the website to vote. The website is: mcwerie.org

Jenn Woodard (COC): No new updates.

Leatrice Schoolcraft (County): No new updates.

Colleen Hammon: No new updates. Still lots of unsheltered people in the area.

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): No new updates. Still have meals to go and also inside dining with masks when not seated.

Mary Louise Imbrugio: Continues to provide those in need with season appropriate clothing and supplies. Pat from MHA offered to donate handwarmers or sleeping bags from the MHA to Mary Louise, Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper) and Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus).

Betsy Wiest (SPH): No new updates.

Additional Conversation Notes:

- Lisa completed the Point-in-Time yesterday. Approximately 24 people were identified as unsheltered. Five people answered all the questions and provided their names. Lisa was able to look them up in HMIS and document this information. The new system this year seemed to allow for better opportunities for interviewing individuals and provided better information. The County is considering a summer PIT count which is optional. Numbers are up from last year but down overall. Many people are sleeping out of doors (park benches, cars, outside shelter places). Barb Lewis reminded the group that these numbers are a small portion of the homeless. We need to figure out where the encampments are and find ways to reach more people – hopefully be engaging those with lived experience. Lisa indicated there were funds from CARES funding but providers need to apply for this. Lisa encouraged the team to volunteer for the upcoming PIT counts so we can reach more people.
- Lisa asked what we recommend people do when seeing someone panhandling. Suggestions are:
 - Giving low value gift cards to McDonalds, etc.;
 - People try to acknowledge the person in some way (hello, a wave, etc.) as we can't always stop when driving; Blessings bags are given;
 - If able to communicate, provide resources for the person.
- There was a discussion about Country Fair gift cards because they now provide alcohol. CF was initially chosen because at the time, CF provided bathrooms only to those who purchase something as bathrooms were not available. Discussion occurred about providing gift cards to other locations that don't sell alcohol. Lisa indicated there are Port-a-Potties downtown. Lisa met with Emily Fetcho (Erie Downtown Partnership) who indicated their group is business owners downtown and they are very supportive of providing services for all who occupy downtown – including the homeless. They feel that the bathrooms need to stay for those in need and are looking at something more permanent in three locations. Emily may be a very good resource for this group. Lisa will share the name of the staff at the EPD who may also be helpful with this project. Barb mentioned that we need to figure out how determine what our homeless actually need and not what we think they need.
- Barb indicated that the new website under data and housing, there is a section about street outreach that showed PIT counts from a couple of years ago. If we are trying to promote the need for street outreach, we need to be a more formal outreach. We need to possibly change the wording to make it more accurate. Lisa recommended that Barb contact George for any changes.

Joke for the day:

Jenn Woodard: What is the opposite of irony? Wrinkly!

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? They both have "The" as their middle name!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, May 13, 2022 via Zoom.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 13, 2022

Present: Betsy Wiest, Lisa Karle, Mary Viglione, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Pat Stucke, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, George Fickenworth, Danielle Brooks, Niken Carpenter, Colleen Hammon,

Not Present: Gary Horton, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Chelsea Bates, Kathy Lamb, Niken Carpenter, Steve Walters, Cris Taylor, Darrell Smith, Mary Sackett, Barb Lewis, Jennie Hagerty, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Sherrai Holland, Rita Scrimenti, Dave Deter

The meeting started at 10:02 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Laura Luther, Health Department:

- COVID cases have increased. Yesterday there were 135 cases – big spike over the past few weeks.
- Most at risk population are the 65+ population. Not seeing as many deaths as at the same time last year.
- Has seen a 15% positivity rate in Erie County which is a 5% increase over the past 7 days. Numbers can be skewed as many people are conducting at home tests and not reporting to the Dept. of Health so our numbers could be higher. Have seen a 23.7% increase in testing in Erie County.
- Vaccinations, boosters are highly recommended as well as wearing masks.
- Booster information: Some individuals are eligible for 4th dose (2nd booster) if you are 50 years or older if your booster is 4 months or older, individuals who are 12 and older who are immuno-compromised.
- For anyone who received a J&J vaccine and followed up with a J&J booster, it is recommended they get a Pfizer or Moderna booster as long as it's been 4 months since the booster. FDA is authorizing the use of J&J only when no other COVID vaccine is available, or they are only willing to get the J&J vaccine. Dept. of Health supply of J&J has expired, and they are not ordering more.
- Continue to offer vaccine clinics and PCR testing in community. Check to DOH website for more information.
- Mask mandates for shelters – Congregate care settings are still required to mask as they have been included in the same requirements as medical settings.
- The question was asked if mask mandates will come back to the general public. Laura doesn't feel the DOH will be moving in that direction at this time because of the political atmosphere.
- What is the affinity of the 65+ who are at risk? Laura does not have statistics on this group but will provide to the team either via email or at the next meeting.
- Is DOH still providing Sanitary Package with hand sanitizer – particularly for the New Americans ceremony? These packets are provided by State Dept. of Health. There is a team at the DOH who can provide these. Contact Steve Walters for more information.
- For Ukrainians coming to our area who cannot show proof of vaccination, per best practice, they can restart their vaccine series here with Moderna or Pfizer.
- Is it the BA2 strain at this time? Laura felt both BA1 and BA2 (from Omicron) are out at this time. They are seeing new variants come out that are variants of variants. They should probably be their own standalone variant.
- If someone self-tests and is positive, what number do they call to report? Laura suggested contacting the DOH at 814-451-6700 but indicated they don't have the capacity to intercept all those calls at this time.

They are building a tool for their website for people to report. Laura will let us know when that launches. PCP's are reporting those who call them with positive reports into a database available to them.

- Do we have any data about the 2nd booster symptoms? DOH has not heard of any studies on this. On the plus side, any symptoms are controlled and will dissipate within 1-2 days. Laura indicated that the "worst case symptoms" tend to stand out over the vast majority of those who have few, if any, symptoms.
- DOH has a COVID Clinical Team – any COVID questions, call the team at 814-451-6700.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: No available for the meeting.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Colleen Hammon: No new updates.

Niken Carpenter (City of Erie): Celebrate Erie will occur this year 8/19-21/22. The website is: <https://www.celebrateerie.com/> Niken indicated that when someone sponsors a Ukrainian family, the sponsor is responsible for connecting the family to a job, health providers, education, provide housing, transportation. For the Ukrainian refugees, we won't have the health information because of private sponsorship. The Afghanistan refugees were able to stay in the military camps who were able to collect and ultimately share their health information with sponsoring communities. Many of the Ukrainian refugees will be women/children as the men stayed in Ukraine. This will present a different set of challenges. Many area businesses are collecting needed items to send to Poland for the refugees. On 5/23/22, Title 42 will be lifted by the US Govt.

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): No new updates.

Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County): No new updates.

Pat Stucke (MHA): No new updates.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): No new updates but is concerned about rising cases and possibly changing back to take-out again.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): No new updates.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): No new updates.

Jenn Woodard (COC): No new updates.

Additional Conversation Notes:

Jokes for the day:

Do you know why American's are so good in playing Rubik's Cube? Because Americans have a history on separating colors.

Why did the cross-eyed teacher lose her job? She couldn't control her pupils.

The date for the next meeting is Friday, May 27, 2022 via Zoom.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Mary Viglione, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Pat Stucke, Sherrai Holland, Colleen Hammon, Dave Deter, Phil Fromyer, Danielle Brooks, Steve Walters, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Darrell Smith

Not Present: Jennie Hagerty, Betsy Wiest, Barb Lewis, Lisa Boyd, Cris Taylor, George Fickenworth, Niken Carpenter, Gaby Reyes, Josh Jaeger, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Zareen Khan

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

Lisa Karle: Opened the meeting and greeted participants. She also stated that Niken Carpenter and her interns were not available for the meeting as they were participating in the Citizenship Ceremony that included 40 candidates from over 14 countries of origin. Niken also wanted to remind the team to come visit Celebrate Erie that was occurring 8/19/2022 to 8/21/2022 in Downtown Erie.

Health Provider Updates:

Steve Walters, Health Department – Steve reported that he had no specific updates. He did state that there will be a vaccine clinic held at Quality of Life Learning Center (2046 East 19th Street) on Saturday, August 19, 2022 from 10am to 1pm.

He stated that the CDC guidelines regarding COVID exposure has been updated. They have eliminated the quarantine period for any exposure regardless of vaccine status. In the case of exposure, the individual is to wear a well fitting (preferably N-95) mask for 10 days, with testing after 5 days. Protocols remain the same if you test positive for Covid. Please see the Health Department website for the latest updates.

He did provide some general information regarding Monkeypox. There are currently 3 cases of Monkeypox in the Erie area. 2 cases were related and one was unrelated. One individual was not helpful in working with the Health Department regarding their contacts. Philadelphia has 3000 exposures. He stated that there was a case in the UK where the individual was at an event while wearing long pants and sleeves and was able to contract Monkeypox. What is known is that Monkeypox is spread through close contact and contaminated linens. The Health department is currently working on their protocol guidelines. They have set up a “hotline” regarding questions, etc. The number is **814-451-6700 Option 2.**

[Monkeypox - Erie County, PA \(eriecountypa.gov\)](http://eriecountypa.gov)

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Testing and vaccinations have remained the same over the last few weeks. They are still offering their vaccine clinic on Friday mornings.

CHN Covid team continues to provide on site testing to facilities in need – most recently to Community of Caring.

CHN will also be willing to partner and offer booster clinics in the future if needed.

CHN is aware of the new vaccine (Novavax) that has been approved by the FDA and are currently looking into it. They do not have much information on it yet but once they do, they will share with the team. Once the vaccine is available, they will work to obtain and set up clinics.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): Sunday Suppers is doing well. There were no new updates. Pat stated that when the new vaccine comes out, she will host a vaccine clinic at Sunday Suppers. She has not picked up the Country Fair gift cards from Jennie Haggerty yet.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): She reported briefly on the changes to the PA Lifeline phone that is available for all Medicaid recipients. They really worked to reduce some of the barriers that prevented some members from accessing the phone availability. Flyer is attached with the meeting minutes to obtain more information. CCBH Community Health Workers can help members access the PA Lifeline Phones.

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): She reported that along with Phil Fromyer that the Community Health Workers are trying to get to as many organizations as possible to provide a meet and greet to talk about the services that they are able to provide for our members. The Community Health Workers are able to meet with members in the community (either at a shelter or in a public place) to help connect them with their physical health plan or other referrals as needed. They will be meeting with Community Health Net on 8/29/2022. If you are interested in learning more or setting up a meeting and greet, you can contact either Danielle or Phil. Danielle's contact information: 814-480-6143; BrooksdI@ccbh.com

Phil Fromyer (ECCM): He reported that he is the other Community Health Work that works along side Danielle. His position is actually through ECCM so he has more flexibility in that he can work with more transient individuals, as well as those that are considered base funded. He can work with members to help them get insurance. Phil's contact information: 814-367-7912; fromyerpm@ccbh.com

Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County): No new updates

Colleen Hammon: Colleen offered a public thank you for the community collaboration to get 2 chronically homeless individuals housed through ECCM Permanent Supportive Housing. These individuals have not been housed in over 5 years. She also wanted to thank Peter, Lisa and Leatrice at the county for providing new tools that enable us to look and work with the chronically homeless .

Pat Stucke (MHA): MHA is seeing more members on a daily basis. They are working to utilize various spaces in their building to allow for proper distancing. Pat also provided follow up on the ACL scheduling issues for our members. Pat reached out the directors of Stairways, Safe Harbor, Lakeshore and Dr. Hanson of Millcreek Hospital to encourage them to reach out with concerns to ACL.

Dave Deter (City of Erie): Provided update of City Home ARP funding. They had emailed a survey to stakeholders in the community and today was the last day to respond. Also, on 8/24/22 and 8/25/22 there will be an orientation meeting for ESG recipients.

Mary Louise Imburgio: No updates

Darrell Smith (ECM): There are no new updates. They do continue to provide public lunch. ECM will be opening up 5 more beds in the Samaritan Care Shelter. There were some incidents of Covid in the New Life Program but now everyone is negative and they were able to mitigate the spread due to their isolation protocols.

City Mission did have to have one person tested for Monkey Pox. This individual did need to be quarantined at the local hotel that is working with the County to provide quarantine space for Covid. This person did test negative for Monkey Pox but this episode was a trial run for identifying protocols in dealing with Monkey Pox. Darrell stated that what we don't know about the virus increases our anxiety. We will need to come up with a protocol for testing, treating, sanitizing and isolation for Monkey Pox.

[Congregate Living Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

[Disinfecting Home and Other Non-Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

The date for the next meeting is Friday, September 2, 2022 via Zoom.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 8, 2022

Present: George Fickenworth, Mary Viglione, Niken Carpenter, Josh Jaeger, Zreen Khan, Sherrai Holland, Gaby Reyes, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Colleen Hammon, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Lisa Karle, Gaby Reyes, Chelsea Bates, Steve Walters

Not Present: Betsy Wiest, Dave Deter, Rita Scrimenti, Pat Stucke, Lisa Boyd, Zareen Khan, Jennie Hagerty, Danielle Brooks, Barb Lewis, Mary Louis Imbrugio, Gary Horton, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Kathy Lamb, Cris Taylor, Liz Sackett

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Booster Clinic Update: Lisa Karle

Health Provider Updates:

Laura Luther, Health Department –

- Vaccine available for children 6 months - 5.
- LECOM center for health & Aging on Shaper Ave. offer clinics for testing and Vaccine. Here is a link for ECHD [website](#) calendar which has dates/times. Click the entry and it will give you the breakdowns of 9 am – 1 pm for kids 6 mos - 5. Others 9 am – 5 pm. Clicking the entry will give you the correct times and ages.
- Testing is also available at Edinboro University Dearborn Hall for PCR and rapid. This is coordinated by PA Dept of Health. Edinboro University also began providing at-home tests. These dates and times are also on ECDH calendar.
- An FDA committee recently recommended that vaccine partners begin developing a new vaccine for the current variants.
- ECDH is still trying to increase our vaccine numbers in Erie County. Currently, 32% of total population are unvaccinated in Erie County. 16501 is now at 40%, while 16503 remains the lowest percentage of vaccinated persons.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:

- Booster Clinic at ECM 6/30/2022 provided 34 vaccinations. Breakdown: 9 first doses; 1 second dose; 19 1st boosters; 5 second boosters. Lisa - CHN team was phenomenal as usual. They were so patient and kind to every single person, regardless of the time needed to answer questions or look up vaccine information for lost cards.
- Vaccine Ambassadors: Lisa - Betsy, Colleen, Mary-Louise, and Rita were all exceptional. The interaction with guests was a beautiful thing to witness. From one interaction, a meeting was arranged with a permanent housing provider and subsequently an individual was accepted into that project.
- Gift Cards: MCW purchased 25 - \$10 cards from Subway and 25 - \$10 cards from Tim Horton. Darrell purchased 20 - \$10 Country Fair cards, which were the first to go. Others were accepted happily by most. Only 1 person tried to say he needed a gift card after he refused the shot

because it was Moderna. We reviewed his card and saw that it had been marked for the shots he had received. So that system of documenting cards with amount and date works well.

- Sherrai scheduled all persons for 2nd doses, which would be on July 28th. Discussion followed about having another clinic on July 29th, which is a Friday. Lisa will email committee to see if enough people are available that day. We aren't sure if people will keep appointments especially since CHN does not have gift cards. Lisa can give Sherrai gift cards for the 9 persons who received 1st doses.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Niken Carpenter - City of Erie) Nothing to report. Question for Pat Stucke: Nicken would like to know what to bring to the Blasco Library when she is working the MHA table?

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): Not available but emailed no updates.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper)

- Numbers have increased 25% in last 2 weeks
- Anecdotes of increased numbers at other community meals over that time period as well
- Out of Country Fair cards, and agrees that they are the most popular
- She has been giving out Dollar General cards. Most people want the Country Fair for gas.
 - Should we ask for further investment into incentives?
 - ICM - Karen
 - Other churches
 - Other investors?
 - Hamot Health Foundation already a major supporter
 - AHN?
 - LECOM?
- Willing to offer another clinic at Sunday Supper if 2nd boosters become available for under 50

Dave Deter - City of Erie

- No updates

Josh Jaeger - EUMA

- No updates
- ONP planning beginning

Mary Viglione - CCBH

- Follow ups still happening relating to ER visits
- Any members needing detox, Gaudenzia not currently accepting detox patients due to staffing shortages
 - Millcreek or somewhere outside Erie Area

Leatrice Schoolcraft - DHS

- County Awarded \$120,000 from PHARE for ONP/Hotel Isolation. Also working on more hotel funds for isolation if current funds run out.

Betsy Wiest - SPH: Not available.

Darrell Smith - ECM

- no more bag lunches. Everyone is sitting down to eat.
- Few issues with Emergency Shelter.
- Good support from DHS and Salvation Army with anyone who tested positive at ECM recently. ECM tests all new participants.
- ECM has small amount of funds for their participants if funding runs out. This was not in their budget, so just a safety measure.

Steve Walters – ECDH

- Health Fair at Booker T. Washington Center, 7/8, Saturday 12pm-5pm
- Vaccination clinics at GECAC in last couple weeks
 - 53 seniors vaccinated

Jennifer Woodard - COC

- No updates

Pat Stucke - MHA

- No update.

Joke for the day:

Q: Why did the cowboy get a wiener dog?

A: Because all of his friends kept telling him to get a loooooong little doggie!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, July 22, 2022, via Zoom.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 22, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, George Fickenworth, Betsy Wiest, Dave Deter, Gaby Reyes, Zareen Khan, Josh Jaeger, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Mary Viglione, Niken Carpenter, Cris Taylor, Steve Walters, Pat Stucke, Rita Scrimenti

Not Present: Lisa Boyd, Jennie Hagerty, Danielle Brooks, Barb Lewis, Mary Louis Imbrugio, Gary Horton, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Kathy Lamb, Liz Sackett, Sherrai Holland, Colleen Hammon, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Chelsea Bates

The meeting started at 10:06 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Steve Walters, Health Department

- Covid numbers are still on the increase.
- Staff met on Monkeypox this week. 15,000 cases globally. 2,200 cases in US, 58 in PA and 1 confirmed case in Erie County. Testing is not currently available. Two vaccines are available (one older they do not want to use) and one approved by the FDA but only in a limited amount. Vaccine is a 2-dose and you are fully covered 30 days after the 2nd dose. It will be for people who are high risk (unprotected or multiple partner sex, primarily in LGBTQ population). Symptoms are a fever, chills, fatigue and a painful rash. If you come in contact, the incubation period is 5-21 days. Outreach Center on Upper State is the only place currently testing.
- The organization that handled the local Monkeypox case was Central Outreach, 3104 Peach Str, 814.619.4009

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:

- Not available for the call.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Niken Carpenter - City of Erie):

- Niken participated in the Library Outreach Program yesterday. Many individuals who stopped at the table had specific questions and Niken, Gaby and Zareen were able to assist them with information. They were made aware of the need for continued outreach to people within the city.
- Top issues people were interested in were lead in homes, stormwater programs and recycling information.
- Many events coming up. Check out the City of Erie website for offerings.
- Per Niken: Redevelopment Authority of Erie ARP programs:
The applications for the ARP LEAD HAZARD CONTROL & HEALTHY HOMES Program are now open!"The goal of this program is to promote healthy and safe housing to reduce lead poisoning, hospitalizations, injuries, illnesses, or deaths caused by preventable home health or

safety hazards. This program builds on the Authority's other rehabilitation programs to address a variety of environmental health and safety concerns, including lead, allergens, asthma, carbon monoxide, home safety, and pests."

Here's a link to the details: <https://cityoferie.mysocialpinpoint.com/city-of-erie-american-rescue-plan/housing>

Here's a link to the application form (pdf file): https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/mysocialpinpoint/uploads/redactor_assets/documents/ac85de9a64e93b90f97c84c0d0e14ace01197def9753fd34cb93d09898b1687f/61386/ARP_HHP_application.pdf

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus):

- Numbers have been up/down and are inconsistent. The weather seems to be playing a part in this. Seeing more requests and is willing to partner with others to fill these requests. Rita looks forward to working with other providers to help those we serve. If you send someone to Rita for assistance, please call her ahead of time to let her know.
- They are doing half seating (3/table) inside as well as bag meals to go.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper)

- Thank you to Dr. Taylor for the future possibility of bathrooms/showers.
- Have had about a 25% increase but then dropped again – due to the weather.
- Do we still have Country Fair vaccine gift cards available? She is finding that people are not interested in gift cards other than County Fair. At the current time, all funds were spent but the program is not ending. Lisa indicated that we need to reach out to other sources – possibly we could reach out to the United Way. The Home Team is unable to get money from Erie Gives as they are not a non-profit. Pat will let patrons know that the Tim Horton gift card are what is available now.
- Lisa indicated that the BA5 variant is showing to be highly transmissible and vaccine resistant.
- Pat Tracy asked if Pat Stucke has sleeping bags available. Pat S. does and Pat T. will pick them up later this week.
- Pat indicated there are showers at First Covenant and if someone comes to Sunday Supper between 4-5p.m., she can accommodate.

Dave Deter - City of Erie

- Working on the year-end reporting for FY 2021-2022 and ESG Cares Act Funding Quarterly report.
- Lisa asked about the Upper Room funding which is CARES Funding. If CARES goes away, can the Upper Room apply for regular ESG funding. Dave indicated that our annual ESG funding is very small, but he can apply.

Josh Jaeger - EUMA

- Josh is starting outreach in the broader community as it related to veterans. Please refer any veterans looking for housing to Josh.
- Our Neighbor's Place planning has begun. Josh will keep us updated on developments as they occur. They are continuing to look at infection control.

Mary Viglione - CCBH

- Still doing ER follow up calls. Have had an increase in the amount of positive Covid cases. Many people going to ER waiting rooms and the wait times are very long.

- Lisa indicated there are negotiations around additional hotel/motel vouchers for those in need as a result of a positive Covid diagnosis. More information will be forthcoming.

Leatrice Schoolcraft - DHS

- No new updates.

Darrell Smith – ECM:

- Darrell has Tim Horton gift cards if needed. He also has 13 Country Fair cards available.
- We should probably change our name to reflect all of the things we are doing.
- City Mission is serving sit down meals at this time. Bag lunches are no longer being offered. If the numbers change, that may change. There are multiple resource tables at the ECM for people.
- Currently have 35 beds open but they limit using them because of Covid at the ECM and have a plan to open beds when SPH shuts down.
- Darrell indicated any male at any time can ask the City Mission to use their showers.

Betsy Wiest - SPH:

- Preparing for our annual shutdown which will occur beginning 7/26/22. SPH will reopen on 8/9/22.
- One of our neighbors passed. She was the eyes/ears of our block and will be tremendously missed.
- As a group, can we write letters to ACL with our concerns about how their new appointment policy affects the homeless, as well as the elderly, handicapped and new Americans.

Dr. Cris Taylor – Upper Room

- Things have been slow. No problems with Covid in the recent past. Currently averaging 20 patrons per day. They normally average 120 people per day. Dr. Taylor reports they are always down this time of year but a little more this year than previous years. It is very hot in the building, and he feels that may have something to do with the lower numbers.
- They are looking to move to a new location in the next year or so that would include toilets and showers. Lisa suggested Dr. Taylor connect with Emily Fetchko from the Downtown Partnership.
- They now have a full-time Social Worker who can assist clients – especially with ID replacement, Social Security appointments, birth certificates, etc. The suggestion was made to bring her to a Home Team meeting for greater awareness of what she is doing and to not replicate services. They are looking for internship opportunities as well.

Jennifer Woodard - COC

- Unable to attend in person but reported no new updates via email.

Pat Stucke - MHA

- Gave an update on the Peer Navigators who are currently serving those who go to the library. They work Mon-Sat and are available to help people navigate the various systems available. They also provide support to the library staff who might need assistance with a patron. MHA currently provides one full-time and one part-time staff. Their offices are located on the 2nd floor (office in the corner behind the library staff office), but they circulate throughout the library. The library was chosen as it is a safe, comfortable place for people to go.
- MHA has been seeing an increase in patrons. This may be attributed to a more substantial lunch being provided, the ability to shower. People are staying much longer through the day. They are

looking to open at 9 a.m. in August instead of 10 a.m. They currently have 4 people who stay through the night outside as this is a place they feel safe.

Joke for the day:

Q: Why is Peter Pan always flying? Because he Neverlands!

Q: Did you hear about the new elevator dance. There are no steps to it!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, August 5, 2022, via Zoom.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 5, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, George Fickenworth, Betsy Wiest, Josh Jaeger, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Mary Viglione, Laura Luther, Emily Fetchko (Erie Downtown Partnership), Pat Stucke, Jenn Woodard, Rita Scrimenti, Dave Deter, Pat Tracy, Alyssa Jaeger-Calcaterra

Not Present: Niken Carpenter, Danielle Brooks, Gaby Reyes, Zareen Khan, Cris Taylor, Steve Walters, Lisa Boyd, Jennie Hagerty, Barb Lewis, Mary Louis Imbrugio, Gary Horton, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Kathy Lamb, Liz Sackett, Sherrai Holland, Colleen Hammon, Chelsea Bates

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Laura Luther, Health Department

- Vaccine rates for County – 16503 who was the only zip code in Erie under 40% but has now entered into the 40% range – an approximate 20% increase over the past year.
- Every age is eligible for vaccine at this time.
- Calendar is updated on County Website.
- Novavax is different from Pfizer/Modern – not an mRNA vaccine. This is a protein vaccine and brings a comfort level to some who have not received the vaccine. All three health systems are in the process of ordering Novavax for their facilities, so you need to get it from your PCP.
- Covid cases are starting to increase again at this time. Because of the rapid testing, the Health Dept. does see the true number of cases. Hospitalizations are also starting to increase.
- Masking in congregate settings is still highly recommended as well as vaccine and testing as needed. Laura recommended that the KN95 or N95 are the preferred masks of choice and has been proven to be the most effective. However, any mask is better than no mask.
- Questions for Health Dept:
When should we get both flu and upcoming COVID boosters? Together or separate?
What is the best timing for the shots? Last year the advice was to get vaccinated for both and then get flu vaccine. Some PCP's are spacing vaccines 4 weeks. Laura will follow up with Dr. Nadworny.
If you have been immunized against smallpox as a child, does this immunization cover you for Monkeypox? Laura will check with the Monkeypox team about this and the ability to get the Monkeypox vaccine for those who need it.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:

- Not available for the call.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Mary Viglione - CCBH

- Still doing Emergency Room outreach. They are making sure those with whom they work have a PCP and coordinate with MH providers, so they get the care needed.

Rita Scrimenti -Emmaus

- Emmaus is still offering eat in and take out for meals. They are busy.
- They continue to do what they can to support those they serve and partner with other shelters in the area.
- Lisa asked us to let our clients know that if they are approved for the hotel and get banned at the hotel, there is no other place they can go.
- Jenn asked if the current process could be made available to the team.

Pat Tracy - Sunday Supper

- Pat will work through Angela at Mercy Center to pick up the Country Fair gift cards sometime next week.

Dave Deter – City of Erie

- Working on the CAPER report for HUD. Please be sure to get your paperwork to Dave who will review and then let you know if there are any errors needing to be corrected.

Josh Jaeger – EUMA

- Josh shared that last year he received Covid and flu at the same time and had no ill effects.
- During Season 10 at ONP, both vaccines were offered to help our population. ONP is currently in the planning stages for this season in terms of testing, isolation, etc. Josh will keep us posted.
- No changes for Liberty House.
- As they have positive cases this season, they will report to HMIS, so we are all in the loop.

Leatrice Schoolcraft –DHS

- No new updates.
- Is seeing many of her friends who are vaccinated contract Covid. Suggested we all remain diligent about mask wearing.

Alyssa Jaeger-Calcaterra – CCBH

- Currently do not have rapid tests at facility. Was advised to contact CHN, Sherrai Holland at 814-454-4530, Ext 1 then option 268. She is the Homeless Liaison.

Betsy Wiest – SPH:

- SPH will reopen on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.
- The Sisters of St. Joseph donated \$500 toward the purchase of Country Fair Gift cards to be used as vaccine incentives. The cards were purchased and will be given to Pat Tracy for her Sunday Suppers.
- As a group, can we write letters to ACL with our concerns about how their new appointment policy affects the homeless, as well as the elderly, handicapped and new Americans. Send your email to Kathy Veith, Customer Solutions Specialist at ACL: Kathy.M.Veith@questdiagnostics.com

Jennifer Woodard - COC

- COC has 2 men/2 women who are isolating from Covid. Is grateful for funds to allow them to isolate at hotel.

Pat Stucke - MHA

- MHA are currently mask optional.

- Number of members coming in have increased significantly over the past couple of months – numbers have doubled. Looking for additional space in the building to provide for Covid mitigation efforts.

Updates per Lisa:

- CHN is now participating with HMIS so they will be able to use this platform to reach people.
- There are currently funds available for the hotel if needed for Covid isolation. The provider will be ECCM. The process is to call Coordinated Entry – daytime only - to get the referral. The provider is required to provide food for the 5 days of isolation. The hope is that this funding will carry us into the winter.
- Lisa asked if Laura heard if the booster requirements will be open to more people. Laura has not yet heard from the CDC but will keep us updated. The 55+ age groups are seeing a decrease in cases – partly because of the booster. The concern is for those who are younger than 55 years. The focus has been to be able to vaccinate children. She anticipates we will hear more in the fall.

Emily Fetchko Update:

- Emily is grateful for the work we are doing. She can use the information from our meetings to negate false information about social services.
- Downtown is seeing an increase in homeless individuals in front of businesses.
- The partnership is interested in updating their Hospitality Program – can they help or refer them to a service that may help them. Emily gave example of how personnel is trying to gain trust and connect with the homeless population to help them. Emily is looking at hiring people for part-time positions as Ambassadors.
- Looking for funds to create a downtown outreach team.
- Seeing more instances of prostitution downtown.
- Their mission is to make downtown safe and welcoming for everyone and figuring out what their role is in this.
- Josh Jaeger indicated a new NOFE is eligible that might help her and to check with the Home Team for more information.

Joke for the day:

Q: What does a house wear? A dress!

Q: Why does the Swedish navy put UPC barcodes on the side of their ships? So they can Scan Da Navy in Them!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, August 19, 2022, via Zoom.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Mary Viglione, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Pat Stucke, Sherrai Holland, Colleen Hammon, Dave Deter, Phil Fromyer, Danielle Brooks, Steve Walters, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Darrell Smith

Not Present: Jennie Hagerty, Betsy Wiest, Barb Lewis, Lisa Boyd, Cris Taylor, George Fickenworth, Niken Carpenter, Gaby Reyes, Josh Jaeger, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Zareen Khan

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

Lisa Karle: Opened the meeting and greeted participants. She also stated that Niken Carpenter and her interns were not available for the meeting as they were participating in the Citizenship Ceremony that included 40 candidates from over 14 countries of origin. Niken also wanted to remind the team to come visit Celebrate Erie that was occurring 8/19/2022 to 8/21/2022 in Downtown Erie.

Health Provider Updates:

Steve Walters, Health Department – Steve reported that he had no specific updates. He did state that there will be a vaccine clinic held at Quality of Life Learning Center (2046 East 19th Street) on Saturday, August 19, 2022 from 10am to 1pm.

He stated that the CDC guidelines regarding COVID exposure has been updated. They have eliminated the quarantine period for any exposure regardless of vaccine status. In the case of exposure, the individual is to wear a well fitting (preferably N-95) mask for 10 days, with testing after 5 days. Protocols remain the same if you test positive for Covid. Please see the Health Department website for the latest updates.

He did provide some general information regarding Monkeypox. There are currently 3 cases of Monkeypox in the Erie area. 2 cases were related and one was unrelated. One individual was not helpful in working with the Health Department regarding their contacts. Philadelphia has 3000 exposures. He stated that there was a case in the UK where the individual was at an event while wearing long pants and sleeves and was able to contract Monkeypox. What is known is that Monkeypox is spread through close contact and contaminated linens. The Health department is currently working on their protocol guidelines. They have set up a “hotline” regarding questions, etc. The number is **814-451-6700 Option 2.**

[Monkeypox - Erie County, PA \(eriecountypa.gov\)](http://eriecountypa.gov)

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Testing and vaccinations have remained the same over the last few weeks. They are still offering their vaccine clinic on Friday mornings.

CHN Covid team continues to provide on site testing to facilities in need – most recently to Community of Caring.

CHN will also be willing to partner and offer booster clinics in the future if needed.

CHN is aware of the new vaccine (Novavax) that has been approved by the FDA and are currently looking into it. They do not have much information on it yet but once they do, they will share with the team. Once the vaccine is available, they will work to obtain and set up clinics.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): Sunday Suppers is doing well. There were no new updates. Pat stated that when the new vaccine comes out, she will host a vaccine clinic at Sunday Suppers. She has not picked up the Country Fair gift cards from Jennie Haggerty yet.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): She reported briefly on the changes to the PA Lifeline phone that is available for all Medicaid recipients. They really worked to reduce some of the barriers that prevented some members from accessing the phone availability. Flyer is attached with the meeting minutes to obtain more information. CCBH Community Health Workers can help members access the PA Lifeline Phones.

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): She reported that along with Phil Fromyer that the Community Health Workers are trying to get to as many organizations as possible to provide a meet and greet to talk about the services that they are able to provide for our members. The Community Health Workers are able to meet with members in the community (either at a shelter or in a public place) to help connect them with their physical health plan or other referrals as needed. They will be meeting with Community Health Net on 8/29/2022. If you are interested in learning more or setting up a meeting and greet, you can contact either Danielle or Phil. Danielle's contact information: 814-480-6143; BrooksdI@ccbh.com

Phil Fromyer (ECCM): He reported that he is the other Community Health Work that works along side Danielle. His position is actually through ECCM so he has more flexibility in that he can work with more transient individuals, as well as those that are considered base funded. He can work with members to help them get insurance. Phil's contact information: 814-367-7912; fromyerpm@ccbh.com

Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County): No new updates

Colleen Hammon: Colleen offered a public thank you for the community collaboration to get 2 chronically homeless individuals housed through ECCM Permanent Supportive Housing. These individuals have not been housed in over 5 years. She also wanted to thank Peter, Lisa and Leatrice at the county for providing new tools that enable us to look and work with the chronically homeless .

Pat Stucke (MHA): MHA is seeing more members on a daily basis. They are working to utilize various spaces in their building to allow for proper distancing. Pat also provided follow up on the ACL scheduling issues for our members. Pat reached out the directors of Stairways, Safe Harbor, Lakeshore and Dr. Hanson of Millcreek Hospital to encourage them to reach out with concerns to ACL.

Dave Deter (City of Erie): Provided update of City Home ARP funding. They had emailed a survey to stakeholders in the community and today was the last day to respond. Also, on 8/24/22 and 8/25/22 there will be an orientation meeting for ESG recipients.

Mary Louise Imburgio: No updates

Darrell Smith (ECM): There are no new updates. They do continue to provide public lunch. ECM will be opening up 5 more beds in the Samaritan Care Shelter. There were some incidents of Covid in the New Life Program but now everyone is negative and they were able to mitigate the spread due to their isolation protocols.

City Mission did have to have one person tested for Monkey Pox. This individual did need to be quarantined at the local hotel that is working with the County to provide quarantine space for Covid. This person did test negative for Monkey Pox but this episode was a trial run for identifying protocols in dealing with Monkey Pox. Darrell stated that what we don't know about the virus increases our anxiety. We will need to come up with a protocol for testing, treating, sanitizing and isolation for Monkey Pox.

[Congregate Living Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

[Disinfecting Home and Other Non-Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

The date for the next meeting is Friday, September 2, 2022 via Zoom.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 2, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Betsy Wiest, George Fickenworth, Pat Stucke, Danielle Brooks, Mary Viglione, Pat Tracy, Steve Walters, Colleen Hammon, Niken Carpenter, Sherrai Holland, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther

Not Present: Rita Scrimenti, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Dave Deter, Phil Fromyer, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Darrell Smith, Jennie Hagerty, Barb Lewis, Alyssa Jaeger(CSS), Cris Taylor, Gaby Reyes, Josh Jaeger, Zareen Khan

The meeting started at 10:05 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Steve Walters, Health Department: Held a vaccine clinic at the Quality of Life Center. Of the 12 vaccines, 4 were a first dose. CDC has suspended the use of the current boosters (Moderna and Pfizer) effective immediately. Any scheduled appointments must be cancelled and rescheduled when the new vaccine becomes available. They do not yet have access to the new booster which will target two strains of Covid.

Currently there are 6 cases of Monkeypox in Erie County.

Pat Tracy asked if those fully vaccinated with two boosters can get the new booster. Steve indicated they are eligible for the new booster but not sure how it is going to be rolled out yet.

Jenn Woodard asked about additional precautions for our population. Steve reported: Health Dept. is working on protocol for 1st line workers for Monkeypox. Reminded that hand washing is very helpful. Don't participate in activities where bodily fluids would be shared. Typically, this is a skin-to-skin transmission. Protocols are being developed for those who change linens. Steve will send the information to the group. The Dept. of Health is working on an assessment of who would be eligible for the vaccine because they have so little of the vaccine.

What are the telltale signs of Monkeypox? Doesn't present the same as Covid. Pat Tracy called the Monkeypox hotline and Sunday Supper staff are considering adding the following questions to ONP screen questionnaire: Do you have a rash? Have you been exposed to anyone with Monkeypox?

Steve indicated a Monkeypox Team has been established at the Dept. of Health. Please call them with questions. The number is: 814-451-6700, Opt. 2. Check the meeting minutes from the last meeting for additional links with more information. He also provided additional information which will be sent with the minutes.

George Fickenworth shared the following links:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2022/08/31/monkeypox-cases-homeless-cities-take-different-approach-problem/10326741002/?gnt-cfr=1> (This may be a subscriber only link).

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/MPX/MPX-Guidance-for-Homeless-Service-Providers.aspx>

Laura Luther, Health Dept: Laura shared additional information:

Bivalent vaccine has been approved through 1st round of FDA approval. Unfortunately, in the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), it was stated that all monovalent vaccines be halted immediately as of 9/1/2022. Therefore, all boosters must be cancelled and rescheduled when the new bivalent vaccine is available. No one knows when that will be, but both CHN and ECDH are trying to acquire this vaccine that will hopefully be more effective with the omicron variants as well as preventing new variants. Cases and hospitalizations – currently seeing a slight increase of hospitalizations, but not alarming. Case rates are steady. They are bracing for the school year and holidays (November thru January) when they typically see spikes.

Laura is working with Epidemiologist on Covid cases in relation to race. She will keep us updated on data as it becomes available so we can see where the health disparities are occurring. Currently showing there is a massive burden on our Black/Brown and Asian communities.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Followed up on the vaccine clinic on June 30th at the ECM. From that clinic, there were 9 1st doses – 6 no showed for their 2nd dose, 3 showed up for the second dose. If there is an interest in coordinating another vaccine/booster clinic, let her know. People seem to respond well to the clinics rather than following up at CHN.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): No new updates at Sunday Supper. First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant is willing to hold a clinic for the new vaccine during Sunday Supper when it comes out.

Jenn Woodard (COC): Testing people for Covid before they can come in. No other changes.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): No new updates.

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): No new updates.

Josh Jaeger (EUMA): Also confirmed positive sentiments for Harvest 912. Looking to have some Gannon nursing students come into ONP – possibly on a monthly basis for foot care. Meeting on a bi-weekly basis to prepare for ONP. Josh shared a case he is working with and appreciated the team's efforts to help him deal with the issue.

Colleen shared information on the PATH program: Applicants must have an SMI. Can access through Coordinated Entry. Historically, street outreach has had different definitions from a provider perspective. Most of the formal/informal outreach is occurring through the volunteer basis. Josh asked the extent to which the outreach services work. Lisa shared: PATH does not have a street outreach, but Upper Room does. Contact Cris Taylor for more information on his program. Currently in Erie County, there is not a good street outreach program available. We do not qualify for HUD funds for this. Unfortunately, we just don't have the staff to outreach as we would like. Most of these efforts are done through volunteers.

Colleen Hammon: Is working to assist a man who was assaulted in Perry Square last Sunday to find housing. She thanked those (especially Sherrai) who have helped make this appear to be a reality. Colleen said the collaboration from this committee was instrumental in assisting this man.

Pat Stucke (MHA): MHA is on the schedule for Harvest 912 for December.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): St. Patrick's Haven will be hosting the Harvest 912 Foot Clinic on 9/13/22 beginning at 5 p.m. Reservations are required. SPH will also be reinstating our visitor's program in the coming weeks. Scheduled visitors go to the Haven on a specific evening each month to visit with our guests. All COVID protocols remain in place.

Lisa Karle (Erie County): ECCM is struggling to keep/hire people for the 814-SHELTER team. As a result, delays and callbacks are occurring.

Jokes for the day:

Mary Viglione: What do you call a factory making OK products? A satisfactory!

Josh Jaeger: What do you call a can opener that doesn't work? A Can't Opener!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, September 16, 2022, via Zoom. No meetings will be held on November 25th or December 23rd. Lisa will send cancellation notices.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 16, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Josh Jaeger, Betsy Wiest, George Fickenworth, Pat Stucke, Mary Viglione, Pat Tracy, Steve Walters, Colleen Hammon, Sherrai Holland, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Rita Scrimenti, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Dave Deter, Barb Lewis, Darrell Smith

Not Present: Phil Fromyer, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Jennie Hagerty, Alyssa Jaeger (CSS), Cris Taylor, Gaby Reyes, Zareen Khan, Niken Carpenter

The meeting started at 10:05 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Betsy Wiest (SPH): Betsy relayed that St. Patrick's Haven had a devastating fire this week and are closed for repair. They have extensive damages and are estimated to be closed for at least 5 months. Staff are being housed in a hotel paid for by SSJ. Red Cross offered help if persons could come to their office, which only 1 person did. Hotel was out of their footprint, so no one took that offer. ECM has opened another 6 beds for a total current capacity of 46 male beds. ONP is unable to help currently as all funds are designated for winter months. Blankets and sweatshirts were provided by EUMA to Emmaus last night for those unsheltered from St. Pat's. Would like a list of names. Others assisting: MHA – sleeping bags, Emmaus, Pat Tracy wants to track who gets blankets/etc. to reduce same distribution from Sunday Supper. People had trouble reaching CE for shelter beds. Josh offered ONP cots if a space could be found to help house some of the 21 persons who were displaced from St. Pat's.

Health Provider Updates:

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Has the new bivalent vaccine and it is available. May schedule on website or call Sherrai. Friday morning clinics are still running for patients and non-patients. They have the Moderna bivalent booster so only 18+ may receive this vaccine.

Laura Luther, Health Dept: Laura shared additional information:

Bivalent vaccine has not been received yet at ECDH.

There is a 90-day waiting period between COVID illness and receiving a vaccine. Getting it early won't hurt but is not necessary. Laura sent a resource to the committee that helps to identify when to get vaccinated for COVID-19. Anyone receiving J&J can get bivalent now because it has been 2 months since that vaccine was being used. Nonvaccinated persons must get the 2 shot series of either Pfizer or Moderna prior to receiving the bivalent booster. Then wait the 2 months. Anyone who has a vaccine series completed can get the bivalent after 2 months have passed. Pfizer shots are 21 days apart/Moderna is 28 days apart. You will only get 1 bivalent vaccine currently.

All tracked covid-19 metrics (cases, hospitalizations, ventilators, ICU, wastewater analysis) are decreasing in the community.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Josh Jaeger (EUMA): Liberty House Just finished overcoming a COVID outbreak. Invitation from Josh and Pat Tracy to all other housing providers to have a physical presence in ONP this season. Want to see more of these persons housed while we can find them.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant is willing to hold a clinic for the new vaccine during Sunday Supper when it is available. May need to have both CHN (Moderna) and ECDH (Moderna and Pfizer) there to accommodate more ages and desired vaccine manufacturer. Both agencies agreed to partner for this event. Pat will get dates for the group.

Jenn Woodard (COC): Implementing housing case management and integrating with all internal service offerings. Many clients complaining that they don't have to mask anywhere else. Discussion about masking at other congregate shelters. Darrell and Josh are not. All said it was too much of a fight. Josh says ONP will require masks.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): Community health workers and got covid after being at CSS. CSS currently has an outbreak and is closed. One of the downfalls of in-person part of their role. They mask but many of the facilities do not. CSS is going to be closed until the 21st.

Barb Lewis – wonderful to see all of this collaboration and working together to support the people we serve and each other.

Colleen Hammon: is working with Rita and others to help St Pat's displaced and sleeping outside.

Pat Stucke (MHA): MHA is offering to host a mini-St Pat's Haven with 12 beds. She will reach out and work with Betsy to determine the parameters for this. Much joy and appreciation expressed. Many offers to help if needed. She requested that Betsy provide her staff for this project.

Darrell Smith – ECM upped their bed capacity to 46 as of 9/15/22. Used the ECDH to do an environmental assessment. They have 2 dorms that make opening more very challenging. So, they have 6 more beds to help with adult men. Wants to congratulate CE for handling hotel referrals for Isolation. Not requiring masks.

Dave Deter – May possibly contact the HUD TA to help with providing space or resources to help with St Pat's closure with ESG money.

Lisa Karle (Erie County): Will keep everyone apprised of the St Pat's alternative.

Jokes for the day:

No time.

The date for the next meeting is Friday, September 30, 2022, via Zoom. No meetings will be held on November 25th or December 23rd. Lisa will send cancellation notices.

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 30, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Josh Jaeger, George Fickenworth, Phil Fromyer, Mary Viglione, Pat Tracy, Steve Walters, Colleen Hammon, Danielle Brooks, Sherrai Holland, Laura Luther, Niken Carpenter, Rita Scrimenti, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Dave Deter

Not Present: Betsy Wiest, Jenn Woodard, Pat Stucke, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Jennie Hagerty, Alyssa Jaeger, Cris Taylor, Gaby Reyes, Zareen Khan, Barb Lewis, Darrell Smith, Garry Horton

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

ECDH (Laura L.)

- COVID-19 cases decreasing
- Bivalent booster being widely circulated
- Still has PPE available
- Funding available to create temporary air purifiers
 - ECDH to purchase materials and create purifiers to distribute to shelters
 - Follow up with Laura
 - Email is best
- 2 clinics being coordinated at courthouse
 - See flyer from Laura
- Working to coordinate a public walk-in vaccine clinic

CHN (Sherrai)

- COVID-19 team reports that testing has significantly decreased
 - Rapid test kits are available
- Masks are available
- Bivalent vaccinations increased
- Flu vaccines now available

EUMA

- Liberty House clear of COVID
- Question: Asking if anyone is willing to look at COVID-19/Mpox screening form to provide feedback
 - Josh to send to Laura, Lisa and Sherrai to coordinate with ECDH, CHN and DHS

CCBH (Danielle)

- Question about feeding people isolated at Hotel who are not established as a shelter resident?
 - Meals available in the community, but need volunteers to operate as point person to deliver meals
 - Hotel not providing microwaves or refrigerators any longer

Niken – See attachment for more details.

- SSJNN

GENESIS Home Buying Program by Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network (SSJNN)

This program prepares the participants for buying and maintaining a home. SSJNN does this by discounting their rental amount in one of our own buildings. SSJNN provides 1-on-1 personal support, educational workshops and requires a monthly savings commitment towards their home purchase. This program can last from 12 to 36 months, minimum household income is \$36,000, and a credit score above 600 to qualify. Currently, there are numerous openings.

To learn more about this program, please reach out to Colleen Burbules at cburbules@ssjnn.org or (814) 454-7814 x 303.

- Erie City

The City is currently accepting applications for the following authorities, boards, or commissions:

Blighted Property Review Committee

Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority

Port Authority

Parking Authority

Zoning Hearing Board

Erie County Convention Center Authority

Higher Education Board

The City of Erie's open application process aims to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion. If you are dedicated to and passionate about our community and have the required skill set and expertise to help lead our Authorities, Boards, and Commissions into the future, we invite you to apply at City's ABC link that works: https://go.citygrows.com/city-of-erie/authorities-boards-and-commissions?fbclid=IwAR08-Ofv49p7si66AEuklkckj8IpPBNVGFhC_OaYzpqKIS7KAJF_K3c0iY

- Economic Resources:

We are just about to begin reviewing applications for our Thrive in Erie 2022-2023 Cohorts that will start in October, and I wanted to make sure the entrepreneurs you are working with have a chance to apply.

General Business Cohort Information:

This Program is perfect for any entrepreneur who offers a product or service as we cover all general business topics from accounting to legal to marketing. Great for both new and existing businesses.

Link to Program and application:

<https://bit.ly/thriveinerieinfo>

- Construction Industry Cohort Information:

This Program is perfect for anyone in a construction-related field, such as painters, electricians, plumbers, landscapers and even cleaning businesses. We will dig into contracts, bidding and hiring. Great for both new and existing businesses.

Link to Program information and application:

<https://bit.ly/tieconstruction>

- Strengthening Police and Community Partnership (SPCP) Council and the EPD: Coffee With A Cop 2023 will simultaneously take place in two locations on Wednesday, October 5th, from 10 AM – 2 PM.

Tim Hortons – 209 E. 12th St.

Premium Coffee Company of Erie – 1220 W. 38th St.

For more information about the national event, click on the Coffee With A Cop link.

- This email is to notify you that PCCD has opened the solicitation for the FY22-23 Fall 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program, which is a grant program (awards range from \$5,000 to \$150,000; match is required for awards over \$25,001) for nonprofit organizations who principally serve individuals, groups or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents as identified by the FBI's Hate Crime Statistics publication. Applicants are eligible for security enhancements designed to protect the safety and security of the users of a facility located in the Commonwealth that is owned or operated by the nonprofit organization.

The 32-day period to submit your request for funding is from Friday, September 30 to Monday, October 31, 2022 at 11:45 PM.

Erie City (Dave D.)

- Reached out to HUD Pittsburgh about SPH fire and temporary shelter
 - Willing to assist and work through technical issues

Emmaus Ministries (Rita)

- Busy with requests from clients that are cold and unsheltered
- Still trying to do one-on-one education with people, especially about "seeing Pat on Sunday"

Erie County DHS (Leatrice)

- HUD NOFO submitted
- Peter off over the next week
 - Call Lisa or Leatrice

Sunday Supper (Pat T.)

- Higher numbers
- Increase in people bringing vaccinations cards
- Staff at FPCC open to running another vaccine clinic one all vaccines are available
 - Moderna bivalent booster in short supply
 - Other types of vaccines should be in supply
 - Details to come, especially to health care providers
 - Sherrai and Laura to check on supply and demand numbers in order to consider a clinic at the end of October

Colleen

- Latest news on SPH
 - Pat S. and Betsy meeting with managers today to be ready to accept individuals who were receiving shelter services on the night of the fire
 - Doors will open at 7pm
 - Not a typical shelter
 - Just a collaboration between SPH and MHA
 - Preference to gentlemen staying at SPH on night of fire
 - After those beds are full, preference to SPH residents from month of July
 - No line at 5:30pm
 - Pat, Colleen, Rita and Betsy have the names and have been actively conducting outreach to these individuals
 - Concerns about confusion between this project and ONP
 - Clients do NOT go through CE
 - MANY THANKS to Pat and Betsy for the monumental work being done to make this project work
 - Watching Pat S. and Betsy working together was a sight to behold (Leatrice)
 - Relationships and conversations happening in this meeting have significantly contributed to our ability to rapidly respond (Rita)
 - Betsy will be present to take care of logistics like HMIS

Philip Fromyer

- Thanks to Sherrai for collaborating to serve mutual member that it was difficult to find

Lisa Karle

- Experience with COVID-19 recently
 - Happy to report symptoms that were not as bad as they could have been because they were fully vaccinated, except for the bivalent booster, which wasn't available
- Mpox literature sent out yesterday
 - Reminder to look resources over
- Lisa recruiting for new ad-hoc Racial Equity and Inclusion committee
 - Looking for a chairperson
 - Please reach out to Lisa to join

Joke for the day:

- Q: How many telemarketers does it take to change a lightbulb?
- A: Just one, but it has to be during dinner.

Resource to stop telemarketing calls

<https://nomorobo.com/>

Submitted by Josh Jaeger

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 14, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Betsy Wiest, Jennie Hagerty, Pat Tracy, George Fickenworth, Cris Taylor, Mary Viglione, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Stucke, Colleen Hammon, Rita Scrimenti, Alyssa Jaeger, Kane Patron (CSS), Darrell Smith,

Not Present: Sherrai Holland, Niken Carpenter, Josh Jaeger, Dave Deter, Jenn Woodard,

Mary Louise Imbrugio, Gaby Reyes, Zareen Khan, Barb Lewis, Garry Horton, Phil Fromyer, Steve Walters, Danielle Brooks, Laura Luther,

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Health Provider Updates:

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Not available for the meeting. No new updates per her email.

Laura Luther, Health Dept: Not available for the meeting. Update given to Colleen. See below:

Moderna submitted its EUA submission to be able to use their bivalent booster in children ages 12-17 years old, they have also submitted an EUA submission for use of the bivalent booster in children ages 6-11 years old. It is currently only permitted for use in individuals 18 years and older.

Pfizer received their FDA EUA yesterday for use of the bivalent booster in children ages 5-11 years old. Pfizer bivalent booster was previously only permitted for use in individuals 12 years and older.

Our average case count in Erie County has continued to decline, however our wastewater data is slowly going up (under-reporting of positive tests are likely the cause of this discrepancy). Locally and across the state of PA we are seeing a slow increase in hospitalizations so getting individuals their monovalent primary doses and/or bivalent boosters is still a main priority.

The Omicron subvariant BF.7 is evading immunity more easily and is anticipated to contribute to a wave of COVID cases in the winter months. This subvariant has not yet been identified in Erie County.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): Going along and still handing out Country Fair gift cards. 10/30/22 – Walk in Covid Vaccine Clinic being planned at the supper. Sunday Supper participating in Fall Fest for Our West Bayfront. Church will assist with publicity for the Covid Vaccine Clinic. Lisa will contact Sherrai and the Health Department about this information to see if they are able to participate. Colleen, Betsy, Lisa, Leatrice, Rita will be vaccine ambassadors for this event. The time ambassadors are needed is: 3 – 5:30 p.m. Pat will let Lisa know how many gift cards she has and coordinate the need for more later.

Cris Taylor asked if flu shots could be administered at Sunday Supper as well. Lisa will follow up with both CHN and Dept. of Health.

Pat felt there may be people coming to may not need a gift card. She will encourage those who are eligible for the card to meet her downstairs to obtain their cards. Gift cards will only be offered for those receiving the COVID shot.

Jennie said she would reach out to UPMC again to see if they would be willing to provide another round of gift cards.

Discussion occurred about masking – especially with Our Neighbor’s Place opening next week. Pat will take the information to their upcoming meeting.

The schedule for ONP can be found on the EUMA website.

Alyssa Jaeger (CSS): CSS had a few cases of Covid in mid-September. Preparing for cold months coming ahead – social distancing, etc. Notifying their clients about Vaccine clinics. Masking is required until their Covid test comes back negative. They are testing guests as they are admitted.

Alyssa shared the following: CSS is working on staff training including de-escalation training and basic mental health 101 in order to combat the issue we have had here. Colleen suggested Alyssa get on the Ryan Dowd training emails.

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): Had Harvest 912 come to the Center – good experience. On Wednesday, there will be a Health Fair from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Mercy Anchor Building. They are finalizing the lease and hope to start housing people soon. Currently has one case of COVID and the family is being isolated. Tomorrow, MCW is giving away furniture from 9 a.m. - Noon. Is seeing a high influx of domestic violence. We need to have our voices heard for funds available through County Council. MCW had two drug overdoses. Luckily the outcomes were not negative due to Narcan, EMT’s, etc.

The Primary Health Network is providing MCW flu vaccine clinic. They have a mobile unit. The flyer for their upcoming event will be sent with the minutes.

Cris Taylor (UR): Things are going well. They are busy.

Darrell Smith (ECM): ECM not currently requiring masking. If Covid comes up, they will then mask. The criterion for masking is if infection rates are going up, he monitors the website from CDC or Health Dept. for rate of spread and makes the decision from there. If someone in the building tests positive, mask mandates are then reinstated.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): On CCBH, still doing ER Outreach to their members. Seeing a lot of people eloping from ER due to wait times.

Rita Scrimenti (ESK): Opened this week for dining in only. Will still accommodate families to be able to take the meal home. All is going well. Working with guests on voter registration awareness.

Colleen Hammon: Colleen presented the Dept. of Health update from Laura Luther. Colleen indicated that appointments for the vaccine are not working – especially for homeless and elderly. Police moved along homeless individuals who were sleeping by the library. Colleen spoke with some of these individuals but not willing to think about shelter at this time. She sees the most vulnerable really struggling.

Colleen said Ryan Dowd's de-escalation course last Monday was very good. The team will continue to discuss trauma based training and resources that might be available for all of our agencies.

Colleen is hearing from the homeless that there is anticipation that there is going to be a lot more hotel options. This is an area we need to continue to discuss. Lisa indicated it will be a huge challenge for ECCM to manage the hotel vouchers.

Pat Stucke (MHA): Good working relationship with SPH. Thankful to get the guys off the street. Grateful for the collaboration. MHA has a stockpile of sleeping bags rated to -20F. If you need them, contact Pat.

Lisa Karle (Erie County):

Betsy Wiest (SPH): St. Patrick's Haven has reopened in our temporary home at the MHA. We are working through the kinks in our new processes as a result of the new location. We have 20 beds, and our current census is 15 so word is getting out among those we serve. All is going really well, and we are more than thankful for the partnership with the MHA. We are requiring our guests to mask, social distance, etc.

Jokes for the day:

Colleen: How many tickles does it take to tickle an octopus? Tentacles!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, October 28, 2022, via Zoom.

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Health Provider Updates:

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Things running steadily. Testing is low at this time. Looking forward to joining Sunday Suppers for vaccines. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Pat Tracy asked if it was necessary to stay for the 15 minutes after the booster. Some members of the team were asked to stay after the vaccine and others were able to leave right away.

Niken asked if we have a the XXB Covid virus strain in Erie? Sherrai had not heard of that. This is a question that may need to be directed to the Dept. of Health. Lisa will reach out to Laura Luther.

George shared the following GoErie Article:

from today's (10/28/22) Go Erie article...

“Sampling done at the Erie Wastewater Treatment Plant earlier in October showed a sharp increase in the amount of coronavirus. Tests performed on samples taken Oct. 3 showed a majority of them (57%) were the variant BA.2, which hasn’t been detected since late spring.

'I think this BA.2 is not the older BA.2 or BA.2.12 that caused outbreaks here in March and April, but might be BA.2.75, a much newer and more immune evasive strain,' Dr. Howard Nadworny, a Saint Vincent infectious diseases specialist and county health department adviser, said in an email. '(T)he sharp surge over the past two weeks, which now appears to be starting to decline (in wastewater sampling), is almost certainly due to yet another variant.'

The BA.2.75 variants represented 2.6% of all variants sampled Oct. 16-22 from a section of the country that includes Pennsylvania, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention reported.

Nadworny said rapid variant changes could lead to short surges in cases through the winter.”

Laura Luther, Health Dept: Not available for the meeting.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): Have been promoting vaccines at Sunday Supper and the clinic this Sunday has been advertised on social media. Pat has gift cards for those who are eligible to receive them. Lisa indicated that Rita was not able to be on the call today but will volunteer on Sunday.

Alyssa Jaeger (CSS): No new updates. Had a client who was destroying property at more than one of their locations. She will put a note in his HMIS chart to inform other providers so they can be prepared.

Jennie Hagerty (MCW): The Food Rescue outreach may be another one to consider to include in this committee. Food Rescue Outreach is a team of volunteer who receive donations (including hot meals) who identify agencies in need. Jennie will provide the information to the team. <https://lakeeriefoodrescue.org/>

Held first Health Fair last Wednesday and it was successful. Many providers attended to assist those who attended. The unveiling of the building is next Wednesday. The community is invited. Harvest 912 gave a clinic at the Mercy Center.

Pat asked if this group would be a good resource for those who are in isolation at the hotel this winter? Jennie will reach out to them to see if they can help when needed. ECCM is coordinating the hotel vouchers. Funding is available and will start when ONP opens.

Lisa reported that funding is available but was not sure how it works at this point because funding is limited. Colleen reported that there have been many requests who are coming in because of the cold for meals who have not historically been using shelter beds but requesting hotel beds. This is a challenging situation – especially for those who are not comfortable with traditional shelter settings. She feels hotel beds will be in high demand this winter.

Josh Jaeger (LH): Full for 2nd month in a row. Have only had one outbreak. ONP is ramping up and they start on 11/16/22. Hopeful for some vaccine clinics in this location and still working to make this happen. Josh will keep us updated. PA Thrive will be coming in to do STD testing. Working with Harvest 912 for a foot clinic. They are reevaluating their rules to be more in line with national rules to be more empathetic as it relates to harm reduction.

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): Still going out into the community to work with clients.

Darrell Smith (ECM): Annual banquet was last night and tonight. Doing breakfast Monday-Friday. Bag lunches yesterday and today as a result of the banquet so no interruption in service. Things are quiet in the shelter. On some occasions, arrangements have been made for those needing isolation and have developed a relationship with the Avalon.

Philip Fromyer (ECCM): Has been working with Erie School District and others on the homeless population in the schools. Indicated that there are no funds available through Salvation Army at this time. He indicated that there is no funding for hotels in the system at this time but wasn't sure if this included COVID isolation as well.

Colleen Hammon: When asked about hotel vouchers, Colleen explains how the funds are used and that we aren't holding back, we are trying to share why it is that there aren't funds available at this time and how we need to make sure funds are available for those who are truly sick.

Reported that COC just had Harvest 912 at their location.

Lisa Karle (Erie County): Lisa indicated there are funds available for COVID isolation coming to a shelter as a new admission. That shelter will be responsible for feeding the person for the 5 days they are in isolation. In the past, both City Mission and Soup Kitchen have provided meals if the shelter can pick up the meals.

Niken Carpenter (City of Erie):

The City of Erie's anticipated paving locations for the week of Oct. 31, 2022:

- East 3rd Street
(Lighthouse – Dunn)
- East 3rd Street
(Dunn – Pennsylvania)
- East 3rd Street
(Pennsylvania – East Ave)
- East 8th Street
(East Ave – Pennsylvania)
- East 9th Street
(Wayne – Reed)
- East 9th Street
(Reed – Wallace)
- East 9th Street
(Wallace – Parade)
- East 19th Street
(Reed – Wayne)
- Parade Street
(East 6th – East 4th)
- Pennsylvania Ave
(E. Lake Rd – East 3rd)
- Polk Street
(East Ave – Pennsylvania)
- West 4th Street
(Cascade – Raspberry)

Police Department is coordinating a Take Back the Drugs event in City Hall lobby on Saturday, 10/29/22 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A flyer will be attached to the minutes.

Niken said one of the health providers reached out to her with a citizen who is looking to be naturalized and needed a bus ticket to Buffalo. There are agencies that can help in these situations:

Naturalization for Homeless Applicants: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/fact-sheets/Fact-Sheet%E2%80%93Promoting-Citizenship-for-Homeless.pdf>

Betsy Wiest (SPH): No new updates. Betsy will reach out to Harvest 912 to see if they would like to be part of this committee.

Jokes for the day:

George: What do you call two witches that share an apartment? "Broom"mates.

Pat: What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit? Strawberries!

Lisa: Why do ghosts ride elevators. It raises their spirits!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, November 11, 2022, via Zoom.